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## Now it's official — Sir Arthur's stepping down!

Sir Arthur George, the Greek tycoon who has presided over Australian soccer for so long, will retire next year. But before he steps down the ASF president will oversee the biggest soccer event ever to take place in this country — the Bicentennial Gold Cup.

A major announcement is just weeks away on the structure of the competition.

"I can't say yet which nations will be competing," says Sir Arthur "but we have already reached agreement with two previous World Cup winners. Australia also will be competing and one other country will make up the fourth contest."

The bicentennial tournament will be a focus of world attention.

"The fourth team will be chosen on the attractiveness of its play and, of other things being equal, the television audience it will draw.

"A competition of this scale can't rely on gate-money. We will be inviting an Australian broadcaster to act as the host station and it will send the program to the satellite for the overseas audience. We are already making arrangements

By  
JOHN  
MANGAN

with overseas networks and the selection of the fourth team will be an important factor in the cup's international appeal.

"We are working with the West Nally organisation which was involved in the promotion of the 1978 World Cup and in Australia has just secured a \$1 million sponsorship deal for rugby."

While Sir Arthur will bow out with the Bicentennial tournament he refuses to be drawn into discussing his possible successor. Charlie Perkins, John Constantine and Jack Reilly, all members of the ASF, have been mooted as possible presidents.

"I'm not going to name anyone," says the man who is at the head of Australian soccer.

On stepping down Sir Arthur says it's not the end of the road. "I'll be able to do the job, but that I want to give youth a chance and have some younger blood running the federation."

He intends to retain an honorary position with the ASF and remain a delegate to FIFA. His primary task at the mo-



Sir Arthur George

against an Argentinian national team and a Chilean national team — though these teams could be the national Olympic teams. Egypt and Morocco will be in the President's Cup and the South Koreans who are the Asian champions.

"I think this will be one of the toughest tasks the Socceros have ever had to face."

Sir Arthur has been through the glory days of the late '50s and early '60s, the qualification for the 1974 World Cup finals and the establishment of the National League. Where is the game headed now?

"The current national team, and the team that faced Scotland in 1985, is about as good as a team can be at a part-time level. For us to get into the world's top 10, we need a different way. This could come about. The clubs could go full-time, or the ASF could do what the Australian Cricket Board does. The ACF employs the full-time and then leases them out to the clubs. There are a few possibilities and they'll be looked at after the Olympics and the Gold Cup.

"For the first time the national team is made up of players who were all born here or learnt their soccer here. Another positive sign for the game is that the national league is pursuing a much more professional course. It's only making one mistake and that's the retaining of the ethnic club names at a time when we should be attempting to broaden the appeal of the game."

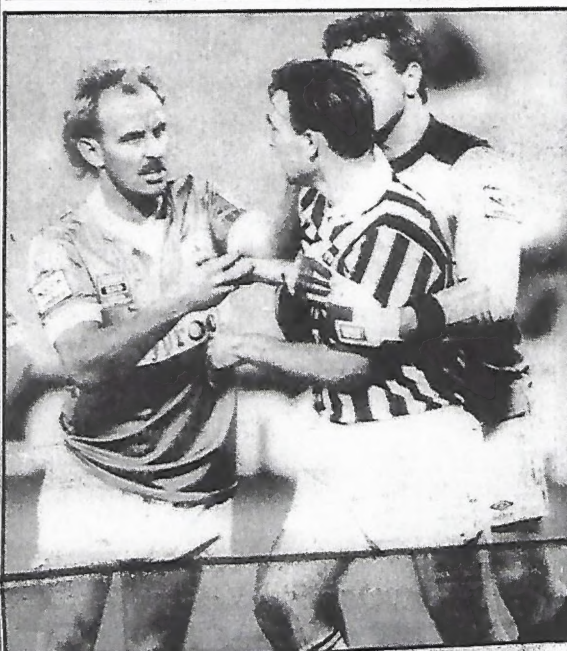
"As the older migrants become increasingly assimilated into the Australian community we should be giving the game a broader base. We have to get people to come to the games not because a Croatian team or a Greek team is playing but because there is entertaining football being played."

So what does Sir Arthur see as the major achievements of his reign?

"The major achievement in my time as president has been the setting up of the coaching scheme. Through the generosity of Rothmans, coupled with government funding, we have been running the coaching scheme with Eric Worthington for 15 years now putting out 24,000 coaches. When we began there was hardly a school which had anyone capable of coaching soccer. Now soccer is played in nearly all the schools and all the universities in the country."

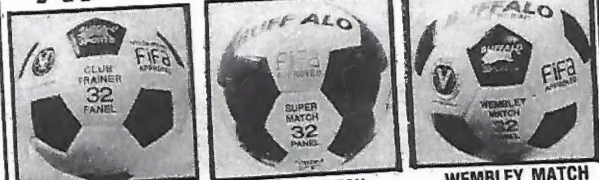
"Soccer is at the stage now in Australia where clubs get their new players from their youth teams. Though some clubs still refuse to see the light, there has been a virtual elimination of imported players."

## The West End NSL is off and running



The 1987 West End NSL kicked off last weekend and promises to be bigger and better than ever. Two of the plants of the league — Brunswick Juventus and Marconi — clashed at Olympic Park on Saturday night and as Les Shorrocks' picture shows it was a no-holds barred affair. Tony Henderson (left) of Marconi is confronted by Juventus striker, Scott Lane, who is being restrained by Marconi goalie Bob Catlin. For a preview of this weekend's round of matches and all the reports from the big games, turn to pages 5, 6 & 7.

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# PAUL MOON profiles Heidelberg's new stars

It is never easy for sons of famous players to reach the top in soccer.

Always there are people eager to make comparisons, invariably unflattering, with their fathers and the pressure to "emulate dad" often places immense pressure upon them.

Andy Deeley was no exception. The son of Norman Deeley, Wolverhampton Wanderers' right winger during its "golden era" of the late '50s and early '60s and winner of two England senior international caps, he was unreasonably expected to go on to achieve similar glory after showing promise as a teenager.

But the younger Deeley failed to rise above the semi-professional grade in England. Rejected after trials at Wolverhampton Wanderers and West Bromwich Albion, his one brush with unreflected fame in his homeland came when scoring 25 goals for Stourbridge during its 1979-80 Southern League campaign.

The diminutive striker was in something of a rut when, in 1983, he moved to New Zealand and joined Dunedin Technical, a club experiencing its first, and what proved to be last, National League season.

Technical endured a wretched year and won just a single league game. For much of the time it appeared to be little more than a one man band — that man being

## Deeley: Out of dad's shadow

Deeley's friend and travelling companion, from England, Kenny Drakeford, the former South Melbourne Hellas midfielder now with Victorian club Northcote. Deeley was comparatively anonymous.

When Technical dropped back into the Southern Regional League, Deeley moved to neighboring Dunedin City and it was here that the Englishman showed himself to be something more than a run-of-the-mill National League player.

In New Zealand, only a small minority of people know of Wolverhampton Wanderers, let alone Norman Deeley. For the first time, he was not being constantly referred to as "Norm Deeley's lad". Instead, he was Andy Deeley in his own right.

It is impossible to judge the degree to which this helped him, but what cannot be denied is the fact that in New Zealand he displayed far more consistency than during any of his time "back home".

By 1986, Deeley was widely acknowledged as the sharpest goal poacher in New Zealand. Called upon to serve his adopted country almost immediately upon

qualifying for naturalisation, a debut for the All Whites came early that year against a touring Soviet selection of uncertain status (at best, a national "C" combination).

Deeley had by now become a Gisborne City player and the Sky Blues' adventurous style suited him well. He snatched 18 goals to win the Golden Boot award as the National League's top scorer.

Two opportunistic goals against Australia in the Winfield Trans — Tasman Cup rounded off a memorable season and prompted Heidelberg United to bring him to Melbourne.

1987 promises to be at least equally eventful. Not only can Deeley look forward to his first season in the West End National Soccer League, there is also the challenge of the forthcoming Olympic Games qualifying series, should New Zealand select him (and the Deeley-less All Whites' inability to score in any of their four recent games against Dynamo Minsk suggests that he should be an automatic choice).

The next few months are likely to be the most important ones yet in the career of Andy Deeley.

## Korea out of Olympics

**FIFA ruled last week-end that North Korea would be excluded from the 1988 Olympic soccer tournament in Seoul following its non-appearance at four qualifying ties.**

FIFA said its sub-committee for emergency matters, chaired by Viacheslav Kolosov of the Soviet Union, has reviewed North Korea's failure to play any of its Asian region qualifying ties in Kuala Lumpur last month.

North Korea had protested that it should be recognised as co-hosts and therefore not have to qualify to secure a place in the 16-country competition.

FIFA said that under the regulations of the Olympic soccer tournament North Korea had lost the games in question, was excluded from further participation and would have to reimburse the Malaysian Football Association for expenses incurred and lost profits.

International Olympic Committee (IOC) officials have been working for weeks to try to reach a compromise on North Korea's demand that it jointly hosts the Games and hence justify the possibility of a Communist boycott.

The IOC and the South Korean Olympic committee have offered the North Koreans a limited sharing of the Games, including some soccer events.

A fourth round of talks between Olympic officials of the two Koreas, hosted by IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch, is due to take place in Lausanne this month.

Preliminary matches have already started for the 15 available places in the soccer tournament. South Korea has automatic entry.

The president of the East German parliament said last week in Tokyo that his country intended to take part in the Seoul Olympics.

Horst Sindermann said that his country supported North Korea's proposal to host part of the Olympic Games. But he added: "We have no intention at all of making it a condition for our participation whether part of the Games are held in North Korea or not."

East Germany joined a Soviet-led boycott of the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics and has no diplomatic relations with Seoul.

# Soccer leads the way once more



## Straight Shooting with PETER SCOTT

It was interesting to note a few days ago that Rugby League is toying with the idea of copying soccer's yellow and red card system of imposing discipline on its players.

For so long and so often the oval ball codes have deprecated soccer, tried to ignore it, run it down, condemn it as nothing more than the weird pastime of a few foreigners disinterested in assimilating into Australian society.

Faced with a rash of sending offs — followed by exonerations — leading to a mounting chorus of ridicule from fans and the media, the Rugby League bosses have desperately sought a way out.

Hence the likelihood that yellow and red cards will start flashing next season — if not sooner.

The paranoia of other codes' administrators notwithstanding, if this plan comes to fruition it will only be the latest in a long line of ideas stolen from soccer.

Not many of the present generation are aware that soccer brought revolutionary changes to the Australian sporting scene over the last three decades.

Whenever World Series Cricket is played under lights, and the VFL or Rugby League has its teams returning after the stars, it is worth-while to remember that Soccer's Ampol Cup showed the way.

Night games were an instant hit, played on balmy summer nights, they attracted huge throngs since the late 1950s.

But the most revolutionary influence soccer exerted on the Aussie sporting scene was by its early recognition that Sunday is THE day for major sporting attractions in this country.

There were a number of influences which initiated this trend. The very large number of immigrants who worked six days a week — or often even longer — for many years after their arrival in Australia, trying desperately to lay the foundations of a prosperous life in a strange new environment.

Simple tradition was another factor, since Sunday has for generations been the traditional day for spectator sports in all parts of the world except those bits under British rule or influence.

So, soccer took the plunge, braving the wrath of the estab-



Manis Lamond accepts his prize as 1984 Northern Division Youth League Player of the Year — now Lamond must justify his huge price tag.

lished Protestant churches in the process, but more than compensating for such aggression by attracting record crowds all over the country.

Nowadays even that last holdout, the VFL, is carefully dipping its toe into Sunday play in Victoria, hindered only by an interfering Premier Cain.

Rugby League's major fixtures are a staple diet of the Sunday sports fan and even cricket has given up the ridiculous habit of throwing hundreds of thousands of spectator dollars out the window by having rest days on the second day of the weekend.

Even Rugby Union chaps are beginning to get used to seeing representative fixtures on Sundays!

Last, but not least, in view of the current debate over whether to embrace summer soccer, one should note that the Rugby League premiership season this year kicked off more than a month before soccer!

Obviously, the league bosses recognised the attraction football can be on a pleasant summer late afternoon or evening.

And this is the code which for some 20 years consistently drew the largest crowds — though its fellow travellers on radio and television — for having a season which starts in the "middle" of the cricket season and "never seems to end".

Obviously Rugby League has taken to heart one of politics' golden rules, namely, never be too proud to steal the opposition's good ideas!

## No hum!

So the stupendous, marvellous, splendidous tournament involving Nottingham Forest, Manchester United and Glasgow Celtic is now likely to disappear without a trace.

First, the east coast fixtures vanished, followed closely by the Soccercross — and now the Australian Soccer Federation is wondering about the wisdom of having these teams over here at all.

When I first voiced misgivings about the project in these columns a couple of months ago, I was jumped upon from great heights by a fast talking

wish I was wrong and he was right.

## Olympic fall-out

Give an inch to a bully and he will try to take a mile.

The truth of the above little pearl of wisdom could well be uppermost in the minds of FIFA bosses right now.

Since Seoul was given the right to host next year's Olympic Games, North Korea's Communist dictatorship has been trying its damndest to throw a spanner in the works.

Unfortunately, the International Olympic Committee, in its desperation to avoid a fourth Games in a row disrupted by boycotts — or worse in the case of the lunatics north of the 38th parallel — tried appeasement.

Now then, this has never worked before, nor has it this time.

The IOC offered the North a few events, such as table tennis and a preliminary group of soccer.

Not good enough, it seems. However, enough for the North Koreans to announce to all and sundry that they are now co-hosts of the 1988 Olympic Games!

This, even though they haven't accepted the joint IOC/South Korean offer, holding out for a 50-50 split of events. The first sporting — as distinct from diplomatic — fall-out of the ridiculous situation has now landed on FIFA's desk in Zurich with a resounding bang.

The North Koreans failed to turn up at the Asian elimination soccer tournament in Kuala Lumpur earlier this month.

They claimed exemption from the Olympic qualifiers on the grounds of being, you guessed it, co-hosts of the Games.

The Asian Confederation was, predictably, not impressed and immediately demanded North Korea's suspension from the Olympic soccer tournament.

In a neat example of instant back passing, IOC spokesman Michele Verdier described the ruckus as "a technical problem entirely within FIFA's jurisdiction", and never mind that it was the Olympic movement's pussyfooting which created this particular "monster".

Who knows what will happen between now and next year's Games, but the odds against an interference-free fortnight of sport are beginning to lengthen considerably.

## Money, money

If money can buy happiness, then next Sunday at St George Stadium in Sydney should be a really jolly occasion.

On that day the two biggest spenders of the NSL, Sydney Olympic and Sydney Corralia clash in a second round fixture.

There's be expensive signagings galore on parade for both teams, not just those who were signed this year, but also last year's crop.

Will Manis Lamond start consistently living up to the reputation gained by his \$32,000 price tag?

Can John Kosmina disprove those who claim he is over the hill?

Is Robbie Slater Socceroo material, or were the critics of his St George Budapest days, who claimed that he always promised much without ever delivering over the long haul, correct in their assessment?

And is Tony Franken the best of the best in Australia? It should be some clash, full of intriguing questions, straight-out intrigue — just look at the coaching situation at Olympic — and all the ingredients of a memorable afternoon.

Let's hope the lunatic element I talked about in last

## McKinna: 4 Cup Final goals in 20 minutes!

To score a Cup-Final goal would be the highlight of most players' careers, but Heidelberg United's Lawrie McKinna can claim to have scored no less than four in one final — and all within the space of 20 minutes!

Admittedly, the match in question, the 1982 Ayshire Cup Final in which McKinna's team, Kilmarnock, defeated Girvan Amateurs 12-0, is not classified as a senior fixture but the Cup is keenly contested by every prominent club in Robbie Burns' county and all games in it are recorded as official, first-team encounters.

McKinna joined home town club Kilmarnock from local junior team Darvel in May,

1982, a couple of months before his 21st birthday, and made his first team debut in September of that year when coming on as a substitute during a Scottish Premier Division game against Hibernian.

He had two further substitutes' outings, against Celtic and Dundee United, in what proved to be a wretched Premier Division campaign for "Killer". It finished last and conceded a record 91 goals.

McKinna found first team opportunities more plentiful after Kilmarnock's relegation to Division One, but he never became an automatic selection. Of his 100 appearances, 30 were made after a spell warming the subs bench. In total, he scored 22 goals.

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• Drago Deankovic (left) in action for Croatia last year against Rob Cullen of Brunswick Juventus.

## Croatia fuming over Deankovic

Melbourne Croatia is up in arms over Footscray JUST's attempt to sign Drago Deankovic, who played with Croatia last year before returning to Osijek.

The Melbourne club has instructed the ASF to telefax FIFA asking the world body to investigate claims that Deankovic has been playing for Osijek this season.

"Deankovic is our (Melbourne Croatia's) player. He remains under suspension until he makes himself available to play for us and he hasn't received any clearance whatsoever to play with any other club, either in Australia or overseas," said former Croatia team manager Frank Burin, who has been called back by the club to handle the Deankovic affair.

"We suspended Deankovic in mid-July last year and he told him that we were considering suing him for alleged breach of contract.

"He refused to make himself available last year for our game against Brunswick Juventus on June 29. At first he told us that he had to go

home to visit his father who was ill. Two days later he approached Steve Mandekic (a Croatia official) and asked for a transfer to Footscray.

"We retained him at the end of the year even though he was overseas and right now his suspension remains in force. On November 27 last year the VSF received a telex from the ASF saying that the Yugoslav federation was seeking a clearance for Deankovic. We advised the VSF that the clearance was refused and on December 4 the VSF wrote to the ASF giving them that instruction. If Deankovic is playing with Osijek then he's doing so without a clearance.

"When this matter arose late last year the strong view of the Melbourne Croatia club was that Deankovic's conduct was aimed at getting a transfer through the back door by joining NK Osijek then transferring to Footscray. We see no reason to change that view, especially in light of recent developments."

— CRAIG MAC KENZIE

# Here comes the charge of the VSF brigade

By  
CRAIG  
MACKENZIE

The VSF is the most bureaucratic federation in Australia in fact it goes to such lengths to charge clubs and players under its umbrella for a whole host of services that it would leave Paul Keating and Treasury officials gasping with amazement. Let's look at the VSF charges for 1987:

**Affiliation fees:** State League and Victorian NSL clubs \$1800 each; Victorian League Division One clubs \$1,250; Division Two clubs \$1,100; Division Three clubs \$1,000; Division Four clubs \$900; all Provisional League clubs \$800; all Amateur League clubs \$400 and all clubs in affiliated leagues \$200.

**Cup entry fees:** Night Summer Cup (?) \$50; Dockerty Cup \$50; Armstrong Cup \$40; Buffin Cup \$40; Provisional League Cup \$40; Provisional League Reserves Cup \$40; Amateur League Reserves Cup \$40.

**Passport renewals:** \$6 for seniors, \$2 for juniors.

**Transfer forms:** \$40 for seniors, \$10 for juniors.

**New registrations:** \$15 for seniors, \$8 for juniors.

**Automatic players' fines:** \$30 for first sending-off (in the one season); \$40 for second sending-off; \$50 for third sending-off and \$30 for three cautions.

**Protest fee:** \$100 to be lodged by the club along with the protest and \$50 to be returned to the club if it wins THE CASE.

**Appeals board fees:** Players to pay \$100 for the right of having an appeal against their transfer fee heard by the appeals board and \$50 of that figure is non-refundable.

**Club tournament:** Clubs must gain permission to hold their own tournaments and also pay \$50 for that privilege.

There are many other charges imposed by the VSF, but perhaps the most curious is the \$25 levy on all clubs for the upkeep of Soccer House!

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paying just \$10; replacement of ID cards costs \$15; there's an interstate visa player administration fee of \$25; team sheets and result pads cost \$5; international clearances via telexes cost \$30; international clearances also cost \$25 to the VSF and \$25 to the ASF; if you want to change your club name it costs \$200 if you're a new club joining the federation you're up for \$300 and then you pay an affiliation fee (?) of \$200. Let's see what it's like playing soccer in NSW and being a member club of that federation.

**Affiliation fees:** State League First Division clubs \$3,500; Second Division clubs \$1,500; Third Division clubs \$1,100; Inter Urban First Division clubs \$615; Second, Third and Fourth Division clubs \$535.

**Registration forms:** \$10.20 for seniors and juniors with a \$15 levy (\$25.20 all up).

**Appeals board fees:** Players from full member clubs (State League Division One to Division Three) pay \$50, players from Inter Urban League clubs pay \$25. If the player wins his case he gets the lodgement fee refunded in full in fact, at the discretion of the appeals board, he also can lose his case and still get a refund, in part or in full.

**Disciplinary committee fines:** \$150 for a one or two-match suspension; \$100 for three or more matches; \$25 for any suspension in the Inter Urban League. Players can appeal against the result and if they win the fine is refunded.

**Protest fee:** \$30 to be lodged by the club along with its protest and fully refundable if it wins its case.

Any club joining the NSW federation pays \$300, renewal of passports costs \$1; issuing new passports costs \$10 and any telexes that have to be sent to the ASF simply cost \$25 per telex, the charge levied by the ASF itself.

There are no transfer form charges in NSW, no adminis-

tration levies or upkeep of administration building levies; no charge for changing a club name, no charge for organising your own tournaments and no team sheets and results pad charge.

In South Australia, the federation has cut out just about all of its service charges by simply upping affiliation fees.

"We don't charge a cent for all these things the VSF charges for because they're all covered by our affiliation fees," said SA federation secretary Peter Nikolic.

## Now it's off to Jakarta!

By  
JOHN  
MANGAN

Westay, the promoter of the international tournament to be staged in Adelaide and Perth in late May and June, has arranged for top British referee Neil Mideley to travel here to officiate at some of the games.

Brian Haffenden of Westay said that Mideley has been selected to referee this year's FA Cup Final and will be running clinics for Australian referees while he is here.

The tournament between Nottingham Forest, Manchester United and Glasgow Celtic had until recently included the Australian national team and had scheduled games for Sydney and Melbourne.

However, complications arose with the Soccer's commitments to the President's Cup in South Korea and the tour of Everton which both coincide with the Westay competition. The Soccer's have withdrawn from the Westay series.

In addition, there was some disagreement as to television rights available to Westay because of arrangements between the ASF and SBS.

The reorganised tournament

"You don't pay a penny here to enter our cup tournaments and if you want to organise your own tournament all you have to do is seek permission from us which we give in just about every case."

In SA, State League First Division clubs pay an annual affiliation fee of \$5,000 with Second Division clubs paying \$3,000. That covers everything, with the exception of club protests and player appeals which cost \$30 and are refundable if the cases are won.

schedule now has two games in Adelaide, two games in Perth with the final two games of the round-robin series to be played in Jakarta in Indonesia.

"Soccer fans are coming from as far afield as Darwin and Cairns to see these games," said Haffenden, "and we are confident that the tournament will be a success. We do have plans for future tournaments involving games in Sydney and Melbourne, but I can't say more about that at this stage."

At the moment there are no plans to televise the tournament but Haffenden says that he will listen to any offers.

The revised schedule for the tournament is:

**ADELAIDE:** Friday, May 29, Nottm.F. v Celtic at Hindmarsh Stadium; Saturday, May 30, Man.Utd. v Celtic at Hindmarsh Stadium.

**PERTH:** Monday, June 1, Man.Utd. v Nottm.F. at the WACA; Tuesday, June 2, Nottm.F. v Celtic.

**JAKARTA:** Friday, June 5, Man.Utd. v Celtic; Sunday, June 7, Man.Utd. v Nottm.F.

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I really hate being pessimistic about it but soccer had me conditioned to treat all hallelujahs with prudent caution.

Last week's announcement about \$500,000 or more being spent on promotion during 1987 is good news. For the promotion agency, that is.

I wish I could believe for one fleeting moment that the present marketing or sales promotion organisation will succeed where others had failed. But I can't.

Soccer's problems are not promotion-oriented. If they were, Rick Booth, then with Underline and ASF Marketing would have fixed them.

Booth is still being revered as the high priest of the Australian sales promotion industry, a man who never fails.

Except in soccer. Not because of his own shortfalls but because of soccer's complex problems.

Peter Sheehan, another successful marketing expert, didn't fare much better, either, despite many successes in the field of commercial and retail promotions. Soccer is, somehow, different. A Maradona could fill the stadiums, even a Baumgartner of 1960 — but a promotions agency can't.

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Duties of the position include:

- under direction of the Head Coach, supervise players' day-to-day training
- assist in the planning of specialised coaching programs and competition schedules
- assist in the selection process of players for admission to the AIS
- maintenance of records and general administrative duties

• The recent advertisement for a coach at the Institute of Sport in Canberra.



## VFL's LOSS IS NSL's GAIN

While the newly expanded VFL competition searches for a major sponsor, the National Soccer League is laughing all the way to the bank — well, almost.

The picture above shows John Braniff, general manager (marketing) of the South Australian Brewing Company, displaying a can of West End premium lager against the backdrop of the NSL logo.

The SA brewers are heavily involved in sponsoring Aussie Rules in the State, so why didn't they get involved with the new VFL competition?

"It comes down to a matter of costs really. Sponsoring the VFL would have been astronomical," said Braniff, whose company now sponsors the West End NSL.

"The costs of sponsoring the VFL would have been hard to justify given our market

position in Victoria. We'll be happy just to use our sponsorship of the National League clubs in that State to establish our presence there.

"The interesting market for us is in NSW and on the home front we are the market leader and that's a position we want to defend as aggressively as we can."

Braniff's company initially approached the SA federation last year inquiring about the possibility of becoming involved in soccer sponsorship in a big way. The SA federation contacted the NSL which at that time expected Olympic Airways to remain the league's major sponsor. But when that situation changed, NSL officials then contacted the SA Brewing Company and after an eight-week period of negotiations concluded the richest deal ever struck in Australian soccer.

Interestingly, the VFL never approached the SA brewers about sponsorship.

# Can you tell me what it is that we're not supposed to touch?

of that \$500,000 professionally, efficiently, properly. And then they will be stunned to realise that nothing has changed, that soccer's image, status and appeal have all remained the same.

I do wish I was wrong: I pray that just for once my pessimism and bitterness would turn out to be unjustified.

I want to be proved wrong: I want to believe in miracles. But I may not have enough deep faith and true hope...

PS: One more thing. I do wish they would have chosen a more intelligent and less confusing theme for the promotion than their "Aussie Soccer — You Just Cannot Touch It".

Cannot touch what? Cannot touch it because it's too superior or to all the other codes that outdraw it — or cannot touch it because it's like a leper, perhaps an Indian pariah whose

touch causes instant death? What they meant was "you just can't beat it" (perhaps match it). Pity they came up with a bad slogan that will, at best, confuse people, at worst offer soccer again as a target for ridicule.

And I want to believe in miracles. ...

It seems that the AIS has money to burn. Only recently it appointed Ron Smith, a former Shoulder-Worthington protégé to be Head Coach, opening many old wounds in people who feel that the entire organised coaching system in Australia is reeking of charlatanism and unwanted British influence.

Now, it appears, the Head Coach wants a Coach to do such routine chores as outlined in the advert on the left. Why then have a Head Coach? Does a full-time Head Coach find it too arduous to handle his team alone — which any number of NSL coaches, on a much higher level, have to be able to do, often in their spare time?

If, one day, the ASF (in the post-George period) decides to clean out some old cobwebs, perhaps these coaching anomalies deserve its priority attention.

Two full-time government-employed coaches for one junior soccer team — really ...

According to a newspaper report, St George has come up with some "novel ideas" to put some "novel ideas" on to its home matches. (I have to rely on the newspaper report because the Saints haven't bothered to send me a copy of their plan.)

This "great idea" — too complicated to reproduce in detail here — consists of a number of schemes under which junior teams and their coaches can gain admission to the matches at reduced rates. I could be wrong, but I find it hard to believe that too many junior teams — 16 or 18 people — will bother to meet on Friday nights and Sunday afternoons in order to proceed, en masse, to the St George Stadium to save a few collective dollars.

This whole idea reminds me of that miserly Santa Claus who is peddling his wares with a cheery "Any-of-you-kids-want-to-buy-a-present" chant. St George — and the other clubs, too — should have decided ages ago to admit youngsters, say under 14 or 16, FREE. Completely free without ifs and buts or a rather involved mass movement scheme.

Tragically, not too many of them would turn up even then — but at least a few would go, taking some of the chilly emptiness out of the stadiums. Just as I have been advocating this for some years, I have also tried to talk clubs into letting women into their ground FREE, if accompanied by men.

Once again there is hardly any risk involved at all. How many women go to soccer nowadays — apart from Croatia's matches, which appear to be family affairs?

On the other hand, quite a few husbands are kept home by wives who resent being soccer widows all their lives and yet themselves don't want to go because of the extra expense?

The current "novel idea" which the Saints reportedly revealed at some special launch is hardly more than a gimmick, an attempt to appear to be doing something new.

If getting newspaper space out of this was their aim, they have succeeded. But if it's steady, regular extra support and income they are after, I think they need something better.

I hope I don't commit some sort of sacrilege for which I will have to answer in front of the Holy Inquisition — but I find the continuing "Will-Craig-Johnston-Play-For-Us" drama a trifle boring.

Craig should have been in the Soccereroos for many years now — had he known his mind.

But, according to his own oft-repeated statements, he wanted Big Time, a place in the England team, possibly in the World Cup. When that failed, he volunteered to play for Scotland — but was again, predictably, rebuffed.

Now he has turned to Australia which is, in a way, a compliment, because he preferred to go to Wales and Northern Ireland.

Fact is, Craig Johnston is a truly splendid player and one can only wish that he did have enough money available to him for

## THE ANDREW DETTRE COLUMN



Had he chosen to play for Australia, say two or three years ago, instead of taking out British citizenship, he would have been swamped by lucrative sponsorship deals "forcing" him to match the earnings of a Newcombe, Fench and the Mean Machine.

Somewhere, somewhere along the line, some people managed to pass a flow of poor advice to this brilliant soccer player — and so it happened that he had to come, recently, eating humble pie — and accept an offer to play for the Soccereroos.

That or nothing was the equation for his international aspirations.

What a huge difference his presence could have made — would have made, I'm sure — against the Scots in those World Cup matches in 1985 ...

Perhaps it's not too late — provided this time the circus doesn't continue and Craig Johnston does decide to make himself available for Australia. Not in 1988 or 1989, but as from this year.

If, in 1989, we could field a national team which includes Johnston, as well as players with recent or current international experience such as Crino, Mitchell, Krncevic and Patikas, we could certainly hope to emulate the deeds of that famous 1974 side and reach the World Cup Finals.

Whatever else you may

seek in soccer, I trust that poetic justice is not one of the characteristics.

Take the recent Challenge Cup Final between the two Croats.

In the first half, Soccereroo defender Robbie Dunn of Melbourne committed a cynical and potentially brutal foul on Sydney's Manis Lamond, hacking him down from behind — when the lithe, colorful Lamond had broken through towards goal.

Dunn's punishment was a caution — pretty meaningless, as it turned out, as referee Gary Power handed out about half a dozen during the 90 minutes.

The ensuing free kick was wasted and Melbourne escaped a sticky situation rather cheaply.

Then, in the second half, the same Dunn played a big part in the only goal of the match, giving Melbourne Croatia a somewhat lucky victory.

My point is this: Dunn shouldn't have been on the field by then, as power could have so easily sent him off in the first half.

In fact, that was the worst foul of the 90 minutes and if some other, minor offences warranted a caution, then this one by Dunn richly deserved not only a sending off but also 10 days in solitary!

On such decisions turn the outcome of matches, the happi-

ness of fans, the longevity of coaching contracts and entries in record books ...

That's why I said don't bother to seek "justice" in soccer, not even logic, just a string of events and incidents which shape the outcome of matches.

Talking of this match which, of course, will soon be old hat: I was most disappointed with the form of some of the game's highly rated stars.

Dunn, for one: this tall, strong Scot looked very run-of-the-mill and anything but international class. Maybe he will, once he slots into his team — but I doubt it.

Then there was Alan Davidson, the former Soccereroo full-back, who gave a very poor performance.

He may be the nicest chap in the world — but I have always regarded him as vastly over-rated, a player of dubious defensive qualities, with limited tactical discipline and far less skill than his not inconsiderable camp of admirers make out.

Some other "big name" stars also drifted in and out of your attention span: Paul Lewis, Graeme Arnold, Wally Savor, the painfully slow Vedran Rozic and Josp Biskic all looked sadly ordinary.

But that great veteran, Zarko Ozdakov didn't here, once again, was proof of the old theory that sheer class will always triumph, that skill can only be learned as a child and soccer brain cannot be transplanted even by the best coaches.

Ozdakov has it all: he is a reincarnation of Ricardo Campa, Roberto Vieri, Ferdo Dunaj and others of that ilk which, once, used to dominate our soccer.

Alas, Ozdakov is a specimen of a dying breed, the occasional and rare sunshine in a gloomy sky.

One can only wish he could be cloned.



• Les Murray (right) and Andrew Paschalidis — two members of the SBS team which is providing the best ever coverage of Australian soccer.

## Win a new Mazda

SBS sports fans have the chance to win a stylish new Mazda in competition with this season's coverage of the West End National League.

Six weekly prizes of West End jackets, T-shirts, sports bags and soccer balls will be given away in the lead-up to the big draw on the Grand Final day, second leg, November 8. The car from West End Mazda is first prize and the runner-up will receive a trip for two to the Barrier Reef flying Ansett Airlines.

To win all you have to do is watch SBS-TV's three 'Sport Report' programs: 'Sport Report — Soccer' (Monday at 8.30 pm); 'Sport Report — International' (Tuesday at 8.30 pm); and 'Sport Report — Australia' (Wednesday at 8.30 pm).

Each week on each program the name of a West End soccer star will be superimposed on the screen. To enter — viewers must record the three names on the back of an envelope and send it to:

West End Win-a-Car Soccer

Saturday, Sunday and Monday are the three big soccer days on SBS, which combined will give the code its best TV coverage yet.

Heading the line-up is Sunday's 'West End Soccer League — Match of the Day'. This 32-week NSL competition is SBS's major commitment to soccer in 1987 and in response to requests from fans the game is going to air the same afternoon rather than having a late evening replay.

"In its six year history of covering soccer this is shaping up as the best season ever for SBS," said Les Murray, who again heads the network's on-air soccer team.

The 'Match of the Day' will be presented by Murray with game commentary by Mike Hill and expert comments from Australian soccer legend Johnny Warren.

The long weekend of soccer begins on Saturday at midday with 'On the Ball', presented by Murray. This is a preview of the following day's West End games and features panel discussions, studio guests, news updates, player profiles

On Monday, it's time for 'Sport Report — Soccer', a review of the weekend's soccer presented by Murray at 8.30 pm. This 30-minute weekly feature includes match reports from various West End games and the latest news in overseas soccer. Reports are Paschalidis and Patterson.

SBS's reputation for international soccer coverage was sealed last year with its telecast of the World Cup, and the top games continue every Saturday on 'World Soccer' at 5.30 pm. Upcoming matches include the European Cup quarter-finals Red Star v Real Madrid (April 4); Bordeaux v Torpedo (April 11); and Barcelona v Dundee United (April 18). Further stages of the European Cup, UEFA and Cup Winners Cup are also scheduled.

Later in the year SBS will be there when the Soccereroos compete in a pre-Olympic international tournament in South Korea in June and will cover the Youth World Cup from Chile in October.

The 16-team NSL Cup, this year sponsored by Beach Fashions, will be covered by SBS in a package of one-hour

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THE DOOR'S RAR OPENING SOON



As a guide for followers of the West End NSL, 'Soccer Action' is publishing below the official shirt number lists submitted by member clubs to the league's headquarters in Sydney. Some lists are incomplete as clubs leave shirt numbers available for new players while some lists don't show the complete first team squad (the numbers allocated only go as high as No. 15). Eddie Campbell is named in the Brunswick Juventus list but that list was submitted before his move last week to Footscray JUST. Here are the lists:

<b>Ad. Juventus</b> 1. McNally Willie 2. TOBIN Alex 3. NYSKOHUS Bogdan 4. FLOUNDERS Neville 5. MELTA Sergio 6. SANTRAC Adrian 7. VILLANI Charlie 8. MULLEN Joe 9. WILDE Paul 10. VIDMAR Aurelio 11. MULLEN Tim 12. RODRIGUEZ Juan 13. SHILLABEER Paul 14. VASILAS Lemmy	<b>APIA</b> 1. PEZZANO Tony 2. STEWART Darren 3. YANKOS Charlie 4. BERTOGNA Arno 5. BROWN Mark 6. BUNDALO Alex 7. TREDINNICK Peter 8. ZAJMI Burlin 9. BROWN Rod 10. LORENS Edward 11. BUTLER Terry 12. PHILLIPS Hilton 13. PARISON Anthony 14. BOZANIC Vic 15. BRADY Mark	<b>B. Juventus</b> 1. MARAMA Pat 2. DURAKOVIC Mehmet 3. LEWIS Peter 4. BROWN Brian 5. BELIC Vlado 6. YZENDOORN John 7. CULLEN Robert 8. INCANTALUPO Fabio 9. LANE Sean 10. PATTERSON Scott 11. ZINNI Andrew 12. GRBAC Anthony 13. PALATSIDES Joe 14. CAMPBELL Eddie 15. VESNAVER David	<b>Foot. JUST</b> 1. NIKITOVIC Zoran 2. JAMES Tyrone 3. BARJAKTAREVIC Rad 4. KARIC Tom 5. TAPAI Ernle 6. RADOVOJEVIC Alex 7. LATIF Ossie 8. BOZINOVSKI Vlado 9. LUJIC Zdravko 10. CUROVIC Suleiman 11. BURLAK Mick 12. SPINK Warren	<b>Heidelberg</b> 1. OLVER Jeff 2. McKie Ian 3. MARLEY Steve 4. HUNTER Alan 5. KETSAKIDIS Chris 6. VALENTINE Mike 7. SELEMIDIS Theo 8. LUCCHESI Claude 9. MCKINNA Lawrie 10. DEELEY Andrew 11. TSOLAKIS Peter 12. KANESOUSI John 13. PAPPAS Con 14. DELIGIANNIS Nick 15. ANASTASIADIS John	<b>Marconi</b> 1. JAMES Bruce 2. CARTER Paul 3. WHEATLEY Robert 4. HENDERSON Tony 5. GOMEZ Gerardo 6. MASON Craig 7. GRAY Ian 8. LOWE David 9. FARINA Frank 10. NASTEVSKI Zlatko 11. MAXWELL Steve 12. STERREY Lee 13. RIZZOTTO Joe 14. CARBONE Attilio 15. GUNNING Geoff	<b>Melb. Croatia</b> 1. RUNJE Mirko 2. DAVIDSON Alan 3. MCINTOSH Dave 4. DUNN Robbie 5. HANNAH George 6. TALAJIC Mark 7. BISKIC Josip 8. HERD Willie 9. SCOTT Alan 10. WALLACE Ian 11. LEMEZINA Tony 12. HUMBLE Andy 13. CAMPBELL Jim 14. LEWIS Paul 15. McLEAN Jim
<b>Makedonia</b> 1. TRIANIDES Phillip 2. OPASINIS Con 3. ROODHOUSE Ian 4. JACKSON Steve 5. DOBSON Ian 6. TASEVSKI Zoran 7. LIOSKI Zoran 8. CAMPBELL Ron 9. SMITH Steve 10. GOJEVIC Steve 11. PICULOVSKI Bill 12. PETROV George 13. VAN EGMOND Nick	<b>SM-Hellas</b> 1. LAUMETS Peter 2. RUSSELL Bobby 3. POSTECOLOU Angle 4. McDOWALL Gary 5. BLAIR Steve 6. WADE Paul 7. CRANINE Danny 8. MIRANDA Richard 9. EGAN Charlie 10. WRIGHT Danny 11. STEVENSON Stuart 12. ANEZAKIS Manny 13. KALOGEROS George 14. MURPHY Ken 15. HALFORD Carl	<b>St. George</b> 1. GIBSON Mike 2. GREEN David 3. OWENS Neil 4. KULCSAR George 5. O'SHEA Michael 6. MOFFAT Craig 7. PETKOVSKI Peter 8. SLAVESKI Ken 9. KOCZKA Andrew 10. RICOY Pedro 11. FLETCHER Graeme 12. OLLERENSHAW Scott 13. POTTIER Alan 14. PORTER Stewart 15. HUGHES Scott	<b>Geo. Cross</b> 1. KEOGH Sean 2. TAYLOR Chris 3. CAMPBELL John 4. PARTON Shaun 5. RICHARDSON Steve 6. MITCHELL Noel 7. FAULKNER Jeff 8. SLAVESKI Peter 9. GILDER Carl 10. MARKOVSKI John 11. BAIN Roger 12. TRIMBOLI Paul 13. EDWARDS Andrew 14. MARTIN Andrew 15. INNES Kevin	<b>Syd. Hakoah</b> 1. GOSLING Clint 2. RODRIGUES Ean 3. ROBERTSON Alex 4. O'CONNOR Steve 5. HOOKER Robert 6. LEE Grant 7. McCULLOCH Tom 8. BARNES Murray 9. DE MARGINY Jean 10. SAAD Abbas 11. SOUNESS Mark 12. PARISH Tony 13. PATTERSON Graham 14. BARRATT David 15. BRIGGS Jeff	<b>Syd. Croatia</b> 1. FRANKEN Tony 2. REZO David 3. JENNINGS Graham 4. VLIETSTRA Ray 5. ROZIC Vedran 6. CLINCH Shane 7. SLATER Robbie 8. SAVOR Wally 9. ARNOLD Graham 10. JURIN Zjelko 11. ODZAKOV Zarko 12. JONES Mark 13. CERRO Gustavo 14. RUMORA Ante 15. LAMOND Manis	<b>Olympic</b> 1. MEIER Gary 2. ROGERS Martin 3. HANTZIS Spiro 4. DAKOS Tony 5. RATCLIFFE David 6. PHILLIPS Gary 7. DRAGICEVIC Emil 8. RASKOPOULOS Peter 9. KOSMINA John 10. SOPER Marshall 11. KALANTZIS Chris 12. PATALIS Terry 13. JOHNSTONE Stuart 14. KOTAMANIDES Peter 15. COADY Mike

# Thomson to Olympic, Fraser to Heidelberg?



● Melbourne Croatia's star import Ian Wallace will be hoping for a change of fortune this week when he lines up against Brunswick Juventus. Wallace made his debut last weekend in the match against Sydney Croatia which won 6-1. Pictures: LES SHORROCK.

Eddie Thomson was considering an offer from Sydney Olympic as we went to press, Heidelberg was trying to sign Scott Fraser from Green Gully. Preston Makedonia was trying to clinch Andy Humble's signature and controversial Olympic striker Marshall Soper could miss the next 10 weeks due to a bad knee injury.

Injury. And in the midst of all this commotion, the 1987 Leisureswear National Cup series gets underway with three games next Wednesday night. Adelaide Juventus, George Cross at Hindmarsh Stadium and a double header at Olympic Park featuring Brunswick Juventus V Melbourne Croatia and Footscray JUST V Makedonia.

The Juventus-Croatia Cup clash will be their second meeting in four days. They clash at Olympic Park on Sunday in a second round West End NSL match at 2.30 pm.

Croatia, still smarting from its 6-1 drubbing at the hands of its Sydney cousin, was desperate to get Scottish midfielder Willie Herd from Partick Thistle here in time for this match. Certainly, Croatia is staring

—By  
CRAIG  
MACKENZIE

down the barrel of a gun held firmly in the hands of the superbly organised Juventus outfit which completely dominated last Saturday night's clash with Marconi.

The oppressive heat and humidity at Belmore Sports Ground last weekend took its toll on some Croatia players — notably million pound man Ian Wallace. He's bound to be a far tougher proposition for the Juventus defence this weekend after having an extra week in which to acclimatise.

But I still favor Juventus.

For weeks now rumor has been rife that Milan Lukic was about to get the chop from the soccer team and Olympic fans would like nothing better than to see the assis-

tant national team supreme in charge of their side.

Olympic faces Sydney Croatia, the league leader, at St George Stadium on Sunday at 2.30 pm and if Lukic still is in charge this surely represents his last hurrah.

Rale Basic made a hurried trip last Sunday to watch Adelaide Juventus beating Heidelberg. Basic sat quietly in the grandstand, taking notes on certain Juventus players and no doubt will have worked out a game plan when APJA and Juventus meet at Lambert Park on Sunday at 2.30 pm.

Neville Flounders should have recovered from concussion and should line-up alongside veteran Bugsy Nyskohus in the heart of Juve's defence. He'll be needed, judging from the tremendous display by APJA's Peter Tredinnick last weekend against St George.

But Flounders is as tough and as uncompromising a defender as you'll find in the league. A draw wouldn't surprise between two teams that can look forward to big seasons in 1987.

Marconi squares up to St George at Marconi Stadium on Sunday with defender Gerry Gomez, sent off against Brunswick Juventus.

St George probably won't close down and pressure Marconi as successfully as Juventus so we can expect Frank Farina and Steve Maxwell to get a lot better service from midfielders Craig Mason and Davie Lowe. That should be enough to tilt the scales in favor of the Fairfelders.

Heidelberg coach John Margaritis was fuming with his defence after travelling to Adelaide last weekend and was sending heaven and earth to sign Fraser from Gully. Fraser could play either in midfield or

at the back (probably right back) and that suits Margaritis fine, who was trying to sign the Scotsman before Sunday's Olympic Village clash with JUST.

JUST has agreed terms with Oscar Crino and is waiting to finalise payment of his transfer fee to Cypriot outfit Anorthosis. The fee will be \$40,000. Crino though is far from being match fit and JUST officials are hopeful that, at best, he'll be on the first team bench in two weeks time.

I fancy JUST to take the points here even though Margaritis is likely to field a more formidable defensive barrier than the one that faced Adelaide Juventus and Bozinoski will be serving an automatic one-week suspension.

Preston Makedonia hopes to have star striker Goe Dimovski from Vardar here in about three weeks time. Meanwhile, Makedonia must face a rampant South Melbourne Hellas at Connor Reserve on Sunday and really is up against it here.

But Makedonia coach Bill Murray saw some positive signs in his side's 0-0 draw with JUST last weekend and is confident that his men will make Hellas fight every inch of the way.

Maybe so, but a Makedonia defence without strongman Ian Dobson looks brittle. And that could prove lethal against the likes of Charlie Egan and Danny Wright. Hellas should win while Dobson watches from the sideline, rueing his sending-off against JUST.

George Cross has to get its act together and quick smart. If it doesn't, it will go down to Hakoah at Chaplin Reserve on Sunday.

Tom McCulloch was outstanding in Hakoah's 2-0 win over Olympic and even though

Jean Paul de Marigny was sent off and will miss the game against George, the Hakoah lads still have a formidable line-up.

Noel Mitten looks almost certain to be in Cross' starting line-up after Roger Bain lacked support and was no match for Craine and Postecoglou last weekend. Mitten is accomplished in the right hand midfield berth and is well aware of what coach John Gardiner requires in that role. An improvement in the all-round defensive aspects of George Cross' game will be needed to keep Hakoah at bay but I think Gardiner's men can grasp a point.

This weekend's games with likely winners in capitals

**SUNDAY**  
APIA Leichardt V Adelaide Juventus (draw) at Lambert Park, 2.30 pm.

Preston Makedonia V SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS at Connor Reserve, 2.30 pm.

George Cross V Sydney City Hakoah (draw) at Chaplin Reserve, 2.30 pm.

Sydney Olympic V SYDNEY CROATIA at St George Stadium, 2.30 pm.

Melbourne Croatia V BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS at Olympic Park No. 1, 2.30 pm.

MARCONI V St George at Marconi Stadium, 2.30 pm.

Heidelberg V FOOTSCRAY JUST at Olympic Village, 2.30 pm.

Here are next week's matches in the first round of the 1987 Leisureswear National Cup.

**WEDNESDAY**  
APRIL 8

Brunswick Juventus V Melbourne Croatia at Olympic Park No. 1, 6.30 pm.

Footscray JUST V Preston Makedonia at Olympic Park No. 1, 8.30 pm.

Adelaide Juventus V George Cross at Hindmarsh Stadium, 8 pm.

## WEST END NSL DETAILS

### West End NSL standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
SYDNEY CROATIA .....	1	0	0	6	1	2
A.D. JUVENTUS .....	1	0	0	4	1	2
S.M. HELLAS .....	1	0	0	3	0	2
APIA .....	1	0	0	3	1	2
Sydney City Hakoah .....	1	0	0	2	0	2
Brunswick Juventus .....	1	0	0	2	1	2
Footscray JUST .....	0	1	0	0	0	1
P. Makedonia .....	0	1	0	0	0	1
Marconi .....	0	0	1	1	2	0
St. George .....	0	0	1	1	3	0
Sydney Olympic .....	0	0	1	0	2	0
Heidelberg .....	0	0	1	1	4	0
S. George Cross .....	0	0	1	0	3	0
Melb. Croatia .....	0	0	1	1	6	0

**FOOTSCRAY JUST 0 PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0** at Schintler Reserve, crowd 3870. Referee: Jim Rossie 8.  
**FOOTSCRAY JUST:** Nikitovic 8 — van Egmond 7, James 8, Karic 7, Campbell 7 — Curovic 7, Tapai 6, Bozinoski 7 (sent off 68th), Radivojevic 4 (Lazopoulos 4, 54th) — Latif 5 (Spink 66th), Lujic 6. Coach: Dragoslav Sekulac.

**MAKEDONIA:** Trianides 8 — McLennan 7, Jackson 8, Dobson 8 (sent off 82nd), Opasins 6 — Jolevski 7 (J. Stewart 60th), Campbell 8, Tasevski 7, Iloski 7 — Smith 5, Gojevic 5. Coach: Bill Murray.

**Best six:** 6. Dobson (M), 5. James (F-J), 4. Jackson (M), 3. Lujic (F-J), 2. Campbell (M), 1. Nikitovic (F-J).

**SYDNEY HAKOAH 2 (McCulloch 73 and 85, both penalties) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0** at St George Stadium. Crowd: 5187. Referee: Gary Power 9.

**HAKOAH:** Gosling 8, Rodriguez 8, Robertson 8, O'Connor 8, Hooker 5 — McCulloch 9, Barnes 7, de Marigny 8 (sent off 52nd) — Lee 7 (Souness 52nd), Saad 6 (Ingham 71st), Hagen 7. Coach: Eddie Thomson.

**OLYMPIC:** Meier 9 — Dragicevic 7, Ratcliffe 8, Dakos 7, Hantzis 7 — Kotamanides 6, Phillips 7, Patalis 6 — Soper (Raskopoulos 17th, 51), Kosmina 5, Kalantzis 5. Coach: Milan Lukic.

**Best six:** 6. McCulloch (H), 5. Meier (O), 4. Gosling, 3. Robertson, 2. O'Connor (all H), 1. Ratcliffe (O).

**SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 3 (Wade 16th, 41st, Postecoglou 57th) SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 0** at Middle Park. Attendance: 3000 (estimate). Referee: Jim Reeves 7.

**SM HELLAS:** Laumets 5 — Russell 5, McDowall 5, Blair 5, Postecoglou 6. Coach: Brian Garvey.

**ST. GEORGE CROSS:** Keogh 4 — Taylor 4, Parton 4, Richardson 4, Campbell 4 — Bain 4, Innes 4 (Mitten 63rd), Faulkner 5, Markovski 5 — Gilder 5, Trimball 5. Coach: John Gardiner.

**Best six:** 6. Wade 5, Craine 4, Postecoglou (all SMH), 3. Markovski 5, 2. Faulkner 1, Trimball (all SGC).

**SYDNEY CROATIA 6 (Slater 6th, 12th, 86th, Rumora 19th, Odzakovic 36th, Arnold 55th) MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (Lewie 55th)** at the Croatian Sports Centre.

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# 1987 West End NSL

**Man of the match:**  
**JOHN ZYENDOORN**  
(B. Juventus)

**B. Juventus 2**  
**Marconi 1**

Scorers: Zyendoorn 29th, 55th (B.J.); Maxwell 77th (M).  
Venue: Olympic Park No.1.  
Crowd: about 3,500.  
Cautions: Henderson, Gomez, Sterrey (M); Brown, Patterson, Cullen (B.).  
Sent off: Gomez 70th.

## All hail the 10 men of Hakoah



**Peter Scott**

**Syd Hakoah 2**  
**Syd Olympic 0**

Scorer: McCulloch penalty 73rd, penalty 85th.  
Venue: St George Stadium  
Crowd: 5187.  
Cautions: Dragicevic (50).  
Sent off: Jean Paul de Marigny 52nd (H).

**Man of the match:**  
**TOM MCCULLOCH**  
(Syd. Hakoah)

on star signings, and which had a virtual jumble sale of its biggest names during the off-season.

Olympic looked sluggish, uncomfortable, unfit and, frankly, without a clue as to how it should go about its task.

Soper left the field of play with a dislocated knee early in the piece, but was virtually invisible until then.

Kosmina, perhaps the deadliest front runner inside the penalty area in the NSL, only managed to look dangerous once, when he struck out on his own.

The rest of the time he lacked support from his team mates, thus was forced to forage on his own, never really getting within striking distance of Clint Gosling's goal.

Kalantzis ran like the wind, without any semblance of speed or imagination.

So much for what looked to be the most dangerous forward line in the NSL — before the kick-off.

For Hakoah, newly signed NZ international Kevin Hagan — on a free transfer — looked skilful and imaginative and played enough of a part in Olympic's side to good.

Manuel Spanoudakis into chopping him five minutes from the end, thus earning the second penalty.

He could prove a very worthwhile acquisition for the Blues as he settles into his new surroundings over the next few weeks.

The first penalty came after McCulloch was chopped by Tony Dakos.

Eddie Thomson could conceivably pull-off another minor — or maybe major — miracle this year.

Having lost Kosmina, Gomez, Farina and Watson — all brilliant players, all internationals — he has the beginning of an excellent team which could reach all sorts of heights, if allowed to mature over a couple of years.

That last point is, of course, questionable in the face of an unrelenting campaign by the club's leadership to destroy — with one decision almost 50 years of outstanding soccer tradition at the club.



**Craig MacKenzie**

vid Lowe whose chip was too high.

In the 19th minute, Robbie Wheatley, lining up at left back, was easily robbed by Patterson who motored toward the Marconi area then unleashed a stinging drive which Catlin did well to parry.

Two minutes later Lowe played a superb pass to Maxwell on the left of the Juventus area. Maxwell tried to cut the ball back but Brian Brown headed out for a corner.

A few minutes later Brown was in the thick of the action, this time playing an in-perfect pass to Robbie Cullen while on the right. Cullen sprited forward and was about to go past the last Marconi defender, Tony Henderson, when he was hacked down. Henderson was booked.

Juventus was pinning Marconi inside its defensive half for long periods and looking really stylish. It gained the reward its pressure richly deserved when it scored in the 28th minute.

A short free kick set up John Zyendoorn whose low drive was deflected before bouncing into goal off the post.

One feature of the first half was a well rehearsed throw-in movement by Juventus. It must have worked at least four times, in fact, Marconi never really woke up to it throughout the match.

As the thrower prepares to restart play, a Juventus player takes his opponent on a cross-over run involving Cullen and his opponent. The space then left is used up by Cullen and the thrower tosses the ball in front of Cullen who motors towards goal. It's simple but so effective.

Zlatko Nastevski appeared after half time, replacing Geoff Gunning. Coach Roberto Vieri had about six or seven players he could have substituted.

Actually, Nastevski's absence from the starting line-up was a shock to most observers and when Nastevski came on he performed far more capably than Marconi's big-money signings Frank Farina and Maxwell.

The Melbourne-based Italian Press had expressed reservations about the merit of having Fabio Incantulo squaring up to Farina but Incantulo proved them all wrong and had a fine game.

Just 10 minutes into the second half Juventus struck what was to be the killer blow. Cullen flicked the ball towards the far post following a corner from the left and there was Zyendoorn, completely unmarked, casually heading into the unguarded goal from a metre out. He'll never score an easier goal than that.

Five minutes later, the be-draggled Marconi defence was caught on the hop by Zinni, breaking through on the right. Zinni cut the ball back to Lane who ended up tangling with Paul Carter on the deck just six metres out from goal. Referee Campbell charged in and broke up the confrontation.

But Juventus kept pressing. In the 80th minute, Durakovic robbed a defender then streamed toward the Marconi goal. Durakovic neatly slipped the ball to Zinni on the right but his first touch was poor, knocking the ball too far forward. Zinni still got to it but Catlin had time to come off his line and confront him. Zinni's shot was blocked by Catlin. The ball went back to Zinni whose cutback was blocked by a defender and Catlin gathered.

Two minutes later, Zyendoorn's free kick was headed out to Patterson whose first time drive was saved by Catlin and Marconi's last attempt at stealing a point came in the 88th minute when Mararra tipped over a Nastevski free kick.

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# RAW DEAL FOR 'RAW MEAT'?



Andrew Zinni puts his head where only fools and angels tread and new Marconi goalie Bob Catlin shuts his eyes as he punches elite at Olympic Park last weekend. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

In the 62nd minute, Zyendoorn played a superb ball to Zinni whose shot was blocked by Tony Henderson. How easy it was now for Zinni to find room in which to operate.

In the 65th minute Nastevski's low free kick went straight to Mararra who finally made his first save of the match and that says it all about Marconi's lack of penetration.

Shortly after, Maxwell threw a short arm jab at Mehmet Durakovic yet wasn't even booked! But within a minute Gomez was heading for an early shower.

Incantulo made a tremendous run past three opponents in the 73rd minute only to be tripped as he was about to enter the Marconi area and four minutes later Marconi scored. Carter made a strong run toward the Juventus area. His shot was blocked and the ball fell to Nastevski wide on the right. Nastevski's shot struck the near post and bounced out to Maxwell who slotted it away before Mararra could recover.

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## Berger-master Wilde

**Man of the match:**  
**PAUL WILDE**  
(Ad. Juventus)

**Allan Crisp**

followed and with Juventus leading 3-1 at the interval, its aching fans gave their heroes a standing ovation as they left the field.

It was a deserved reaction for Juventus had shown true championship pluck, aggression and a high degree of skill to come from behind and then grasp the game by the scruff of the neck.

It was all the more meritorious that Juventus earned its first points of 1987 without iron-man defender Neville Flounders, who last week was thrown off his push bike while on his way to work and suffered concussion and abrasions to his face and body.

Juventus coach, Zoran Matić, shifted Paul Shillabeer from full back to cover for Flounders in the centre of the defence and he switched striker Paul Wilde to full back.

Wilde started hesitantly in his unaccustomed role, but grew in confidence and emerged as the complete berger-master.

The unfortunate accident to Flounders gave Lemmy Vatsilas his chance for a West End NSL debut and the former Croatia striker did not let himself or his team down.

Tim Mullen, younger brother of Joe, also made his first appearance in the West End NSL when he replaced Vatsilas in the 75th minute.

If there was a disappointment to dampen the Juventus euphoria it was that the home side failed to turn the screws when it had Heidelberg reeling and only managed to add one goal to its impressive first-half tally.



Andy Deeley (light strip) opens Heidelberg's account against Adelaide-Juventus after just two minutes but Juventus had the last laugh. Picture: FRANK HOBBS

## Brown double sinks Saints

**Man of the match:**  
**P. TREDDINNICK**  
(APIA)

**By ALEX VESIC**

any chance Saints organiser Bob Powell had of putting on a great show.

St George did not do any better, later on, as APIA Leitch had two goals from its expensive signing from Marconi, Rod Brown, swamped the home side 3-1.

And while I believe that Friday night soccer is a positive idea which is bound to attract people, I am not sure that Frank Arok's youngsters are going to do much to strengthen the team's position in the league.

Sure, Saints looked faster and more positive in the first half. Sure, they had most of the play and most of the chances, but if you don't have the capacity to hit the back of the net, then you'll always struggle.

As early as the sixth minute, Tony Pezzano was called on to make some desperate saves. Four successive corners to Saints saw APIA survive with some hurried clearances. Then in the eighth minute came the first of the slivers to the home side. A quick free kick by Moffitt and Koczka was in the clear. He managed to lay it on for Meacock who faced Pezzano, but missed the gaping net from only 10 metres!

Ollerenshaw was in the clear in the 19th but a brave dive by Pezzano at the feet of the Saints' youngster saw the ball rebound away. Ollerenshaw managed to regain possession but his shot from only seven metres went wide.

Then came Pedro Ricoy's chance. He was only four metres away as the cross came in from the right hand side. His glancing header went wide, much to the relief of Pezzano.

Ken Slavski was left completely unattended in the 31st as Saints broke through again. Just 16 metres from goal, Slavski hit a very poor left foot drive, again wide.

ee). Mike O'Shea and Gibson failed to decide who was going to attack the ball and the APIA player sneaked in. As the ball rolled into the net, the referee pointed out that the APIA player impeded O'Shea!

But APIA got its reward after yet another bungle by Gibson. Peter Tredinnick broke through on the left to pick up a through ball and inexplicably Gibson came out of his goal. Once committed to follow Tredinnick, Gibson decided to take a dive, slipping and sliding all over the place. Tredinnick calmly lobbed the ball back to the far post and Rod Brown did the rest.

From then on it was the Tredinnick show.

A corner by the fullback in the 65th saw Brown repeat his header at the far post to make it 2-0.

Then in the 83rd minute and with Saints struggling to equalise, Tredinnick did it again. He fought for the ball as if his life depended on it then passed to Hilton Phillips who turned David Green then faced Gibson to make it 3-1.

Well done Tredinnick, great finishing Phillips.

At the other end only Craig Moffitt managed to get on the score sheet despite a few more chances that came Saints' way. He was at the far post to nod one in from a cross by Ollerenshaw and set the stage for a grand finish but with the St

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South Melbourne Hellas midfielder Danny Craine (right) strides past George Cross defender Steve Richardson at Middle Park on Sunday. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

# Slater Croatia's hat-trick hero

Syd. Croatia 6  
Melb. Croatia 1

At Croatian Sports Centre.  
Crowd: 7278.  
Referee: Richard Lorenc 9.  
Cautions: Rumora 15th, 36th, Arnold 59th (SC), Lewis 66 (MC).

Robert Slater got his second hat-trick of the season as Sydney Croatia thumped its sister club from Melbourne 6-1 at the Croatian Sports Centre last Sunday.

It was an awesome display of power by Sydney Croatia with Slater proving too much for a slow and out-of-touch Alan Davidson, Manis Lamond too fast for George Hainan and Zarko Ozdakov, simply too skilful for anyone the Melbourne side could throw at him.

Vedran Rozic could afford to smile at the end of this match which proved to one and all that the Tri-colors from Fairfield are going to be hard to beat this year. Their defence, well marshalled by Rozic, has one of the best keepers in Tony Franken, national team fullbacks in Wally Saver and Graeme Jennings and Ray Vilestra, the central defender, is ex-youth Soccerool.

The Sydney Croatia captain was well aware of his side's defensive capabilities and his hopes were pinned on his ultra-fast forward line with Lamond



Man of the match:  
**ROBBIE SLATER**  
(Syd. Croatia)

and Slater carrying the responsibility of having to create the openings. And they certainly did that!

In fact the opening two goals, by design or otherwise, had three players involved. A Jennings through ball saw Lamond race through to the byline before crossing for Slater to score from close range in the sixth minute. Six more minutes elapsed before Jennings and Lamond repeated the move for Slater to score again.

Ante Rumora got into the act in the 19th minute after receiving the ball from Ozdakov about 20 metres away. His shot cleaned out the cobwebs in the right hand corner of the net for a 3-0 scoreline then a thunderbolt from Ozdakov in the 39th cleaned out the cobwebs in the other top corner to make the scoreline 4-0.

It could have been worse for this panic-stricken Melbourne outfit as Lamond broke through in the 44th, but on this occasion Mirko Runje came out of his area to handle the ball as Lamond lobbed him. A yellow card was issued to the keeper and following the free kick by Ozdakov and a subsequent rebound, Arnold shot over the bar from some eight metres.

A shot by Arnold in the 36th also had Runje stunned but the ball just cleared the bar, then another riled by Lamond saw his shot clip the post with Runje beaten again.

Melbourne's woes continued in the second half despite its strong wind advantage. Shane Clinch provided the spadework for Jennings who raced goalwards followed by two players. He neatly flicked his pass between two oppo-

Alex Vesic

nents to an unmarked Arnold who trapped the ball then shot past Runje to make it 5-0. A temporary respite came from an unfortunate error by Sydney Croatia keeper. A shot by Jim MacLean was tipped onto the bar by Franken and the ball bounced back into play for Paul Lewis to race in and make it 5-1.

Then, with minutes remaining, Zeljko Jurin found Arnold with a crossfield pass. Arnold raced in then shot, aiming for the far corner. Runje only managed to palm the ball to the feet of Slater who tapped it into goal.

It was as one sided as you're likely to see and the scoreline reflects the trend of this match.

Ian Wallace, rushed into the Melbourne Croatia side for this match, had a tough time against the hard tackling Vilestra but did manage to get on the end of a half chance in the first half. A poor back pass by Mark Jones was intercepted by Wallace but his shot from an acute angle was well saved by Franken.

Slater and Lamond tore through at will, whilst Ozdakov amplified all that is so great about football. His skills, accurate passing and his finishing were superb. Add the skills of Rumora and the tough tackles by Jones and you have a superbly balanced side.

MacLean and to an extent Davidson, looked sluggish and out of touch and MacLean could do with an extra training session or two. He wilted during the second period in the heat and humidity prevailing in Sydney's outer west on Sunday.

As Sydney Croatia powered its way to its best home result so far, the visitors argued at times openly. David McIntosh and Robbie Dunn did not see eye to eye after Croatia raced away to an easy 3-0 lead, then an argument between Runje and McIntosh developed in the second half.

It was all too much for Melbourne Croatia coach Terry Hennessy who replaced McIntosh late in the match.

# Gardiner: It's a disgrace

SM-Hellas 3  
George Cross 0

Scorers: Wade 16th, 41st, Postecoglou 57th.  
Venue: Middle Park.  
Referee: Jim Reeves 7.  
Cautions: Markovski.

Win, lose or draw, John Gardiner retains that impassive look after matches that would make some think he is hardly interested in the result.

But appearances are deceptive in Gardiner's case and there was certainly a fair amount of blood boiling inside him when it came to commenting on the outcome. The Sunshine George Cross coach practically spat out his disgust at the first ever defeat by a three-goal margin since he has taken over as coach at the club three seasons ago.

"The first half was a disgrace," Gardiner said.

"They were downright undisciplined players at things we are normally good at — pressing when the opposition is in possession and attacking the ball."

Asked whether that would mean a stiff session of lecturing this coming week, Gardiner again did not mince his words.

"It's not a matter of telling them because it doesn't seem to sink in. I'll just have to go out and show them on the park and repeat it over and over again."

Gardiner's half-time fight brought back some re-organisation early in the second period but it lasted only 12 minutes until South Melbourne



Knut Werner

Hellas scored its third goal and from then on things simply fell apart.

In the final analysis, Gardiner only had words of praise for Jeff Faulkner, who kept trying to get things going and the coach excluded the two front runners from blame mainly because they were starved of the right service.

"All three goals were gifts. The first came after a defender failed to connect with a header trying to clear, and the other two came from deflections by our players," Gardiner said.

Gardiner admitted that near the end the score could have been bigger as Hellas was queuing up for attempts at goal only to be denied by good goal-keeping and poor finishing.

Hellas coach Brian Garvey was satisfied with the result in spite of the misses.

"We saved these goals for another day," he said with a smile.

"I'm happy with the result. You normally wouldn't want much better against George Cross and I'm sure there won't be many sides capable of putting three past them."

"We certainly can improve on our performance but it was a satisfactory first result."

Man of the match:  
**PAUL WADE**  
(SM-Hellas)

Hellas increased its lead four minutes from the break when Wade got the end of a cutback from Danny Craine to hit a weak shot which Kevin Innes deflected into his own net.

Wade, naturally enough, still claimed the goal.

Bain missed one of Cross' best scoring chances placing his shot wide after a good lay-off from Gilder.

Postecoglou hit the crossbar in the 54th minute before finally getting a lucky break to record his first-ever goal in the NSL.

The move leading up to the goal was among Hellas' best of the match. Richard Miranda swung over a centre from the right to the far side of the box. Craine controlled the ball, looked up and laid it back for Postecoglou who hit his shot from outside the box through a sea of legs. It got a deflection before rolling into the back of the net past a stranded Keogh.

Trimball nipped in for one last effort on the Hellas goal, cutting out a passback from Kalogeros to set up Markovski, whose shot was blocked.

After that, the procession started at the other end.

Egan broke through on his own and rounded the keeper only to place the ball wide of an empty net. Craine with two men offering options in another break decided to go it alone and again his final shot wide. Egan got onto the end of a Danny Wright cross only to have his shot blocked by Steve Richardson. Wade had a shot tipped over the bar, and finally a cross from substitute Stuart Stevenson was headed wide by Wright.

# Dobson, Bozinovski sent off

Man of the match:  
**IAN DOBSON**  
(Makedonia)



Laurie Schwab

FOOTS JUST 0  
Makedonia 0

Venue: Schintler Reserve.  
Crowd: 3570.  
Referee: Jim Rossis (SA) 8.  
Cautions: Tasevski (Mak).  
Sent off: Bozinovski (JUST) — second booking, 68th; Dobson (Mak) — second booking, 82nd.

Footscray JUST coach Dragoslav Sekularac said after this match he would contact Dragan Dzajic, former captain of Yugoslavia and now on the board of Red Star Belgrade, to ask him to recommend a top-class striker who would be willing to join JUST.

Satisfied that he will soon have Oscar Crino fit to play, and that the problems with Melbourne Croatia over the recruitment of Drago Denankovic will be sorted out, Sekularac is happy enough with his defence and midfield but wants a striker who will make the most use of chances created.

Some at the club are interested in Gary Cole, of Makedonia, but not at the \$15,000 Makedonia wants for him.

Zoran Tasevski, who made his debut for Makedonia, is an extremely talented player and should have a big effect on the team's midfield.

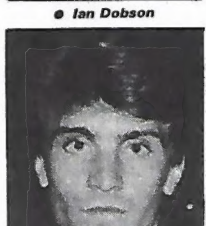
JUST had three players making their debut — Eddie Campbell who was signed from Juventus for \$15,000, Alexander Radivojevic from Partizan Belgrade and Gary van Egmond, ex-Manly and APIA.

Steve Jackson of Makedonia and Tyrone James and Tom Karic of JUST, backed up by respective goalkeepers Zoran Nikitovic and Phil Trainandes, had the biggest influence on the game, while Ron Campbell (Makedonia) was the best of the midfielders and Zdravko Lujic (JUST) the best of the forwards.

Despite the atrocious weather, a relatively good crowd turned out to watch these two rivals do battle.

The Makedonia fans were thoroughly confused when John Stewart, the former Brisbane Lions captain, made an appearance in Makedonia colors during the second half. He had been virtually smuggled into the team, and no-one had been told in advance that the club was on the verge of signing him. Apparently he cost \$15,000.

According to Stewart, his brother Russell also may be interested in coming to Melbourne, as is David Hunter, brother of Heidelberg's Alan Hunter.



• Ian Dobson



• Vlado Bozinovski

# Ethiopians defect and head for Oz

Three Ethiopian players who sought asylum in Swaziland after playing in a match in Mbabane last year have said they are emigrating to Australia.

The three, Tasselet Gebreyesus, Dabas Gidefael and Wolde-mariam Taffere, disappeared shortly before their team, Entrea Shoe Factory, left for home after playing a Swazi side.

They later reappeared and told a news conference last week they had been given permission to enter Australia and had schol-

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## McMillan, McGuinness in the wars

### Green Gully 2 Dinamo 1

At Green Gully Reserve on Sunday.

Scorers: Sweeney 55th, Cumming 65th (GG); Morovic 17th (SDA).

For the third time in a row Green Gully gave its opponents a goal start but came back to save the game.

St. Albans Dinamo with the wind behind it in the first-half took a one goal lead and should have scored a couple more before the break.

As it was, that goal was not enough to stave off the now expected Gully revival and in spite of having three players less than fully fit the Greens came back and took both points.

Dinamo's three goal-scorers this season all had a chance to add to their tallies in the 17th minute when Goran Runje fired in a shot which was blocked and fell to Sveto Rastocic who blasted it and it rebounded again to fall to Dennis Morovic who made no mistake.

Rastocic didn't have a good day and in the 70th minute was replaced by Jack Bacak.

Gully coach Gus Macleod had Danny Zemunik and Tommy Cumming carrying knee injuries, and Joe Sweeney with a calf problem but you wouldn't have known it as Sweeney rose above the Dinamo defenders 10 minutes into the second-half to head home the goal which levelled the scores.

Then, 10 minutes later, the ball ran loose in the Dinamo penalty area and Cumming was on hand to fire Gully into a 2-1 lead.

Gully was unlucky not to be awarded a penalty only moments later when Danny Ramljak handled the ball in the area but the referee deemed it unintentional and let play go on.

Dinamo pressed forward in the last 10 minutes of the game but squandered two free-kicks playing them wide when a more direct approach was called for.

### Morwell 1 Polonia 1

At North Gringale Reserve on Sunday.

Scorers: Webster 44th (MF); Warszawski 52nd (Pol).

Polonia coach Miran Bleiberg was happy to come away from Morwell with a point after last Sunday's game.

"Falcons are a good side and I don't think many teams will be drawing with them in Morwell this season," he said after the game.

"We played well," agreed Falcons' coach Dave O'Connor, "but we're still playing hot and cold. We need to put two good halves of football together in each game. It's consistency that is the problem."

Falcons piled on the pressure in a whirlwind first-half denying Polonia the chance even to stage a serious attack, but it took until just before the half-time whistle for O'Connor's team to convert its territorial advantage into a goal on the board.

It was a cross from Etie Casar which Stan Webster met at the near post and guided into the net that finally gave Falcons the lead.

The advantage was short-lived though as only seven minutes after coming on after the interval, Polonia's not-so-secret weapon Greg Warszawski showed a clean pair of heels to defender Gerry Clark and sprinted through, taking the ball wide of keeper Romero Prezioso and slamming it confidently into the net from an angle.

That goal brought his tally this season up to five, all the more amazing considering the injury he has been nursing through these games.

With big Al Kotzomichalis keeping Ian Stinton quiet in the Falcons' forward-line, Polonia proceeded to get more into the game.

However, Warszawski sustained another injury — to his hamstring — and as Bleiberg had used both his substitutions bringing on the Polish striker, and then bringing on Brendan Lakic for new signing Janusz Baran, Warszawski had to play out the last quarter-hour of the game contributing very little.

With Graham Tuffill playing in the midfield Falcons had a purposeful look that has been lacking at times in past games,

ruined Falcons' chances in previous games this year and will have to be set right if the Morwell side is to live up to its promise.

### Springvale 1 W. Suburbs 1

At Ross Reserve on Sunday.

Scorers: House pen. 59th (SV); Tuck 25th (WS).

In difficult weather conditions Springvale settled down quickly and pressured the Suburbs defence for much of the game.

Though Suburbs had the wind behind them in the first half it was Springvale which could have scored twice in the first 10 minutes when Greg House on two occasions found room to shoot only to see his efforts deflected by defenders.

However, Jim Kondilis's team's first serious attack in the 25th minute bore fruit.

A beautiful body-swerve by David Smallman wrong-footed the Vale's defenders and he checked back to float a cross over the outstretched Dennis Boland onto the head of the on-rushing Darryn Tuck who directed it into the roof of the net.

Springvale could come up with no answer to Tuck's goal for the rest of the first spell but with the wind behind them after the change, pressed for an equaliser.

Rob Stewart, who had a good game, powered his way into the Suburbs' penalty-area and just before sending in a shot was brought down. The referee had no option but to point to the penalty spot.

House's spot-kick gave goalkeeper Spiro Karamitsis no chance.

Springvale piled on the pressure looking for the winner and in the 75th minute seemed set to score when Ian Loughnane took the ball through and beat Karamitsis only to have House judged to be offside.

Though Springvale had most of the play, coach Bobby McLachlan was happy with the result considering the wet and windy conditions and praised his team for "really putting in and trying for the whole game".

### Oakleigh 0 Caulfield 2

At Caloola Reserve on Saturday.

Scorers: Harris pen. 50th, Bitsonis 53rd.

Thanks to Jimmy Ross, Oakleigh dominated the first half-hour of its Greek derby game against Caulfield.

Oakleigh, however, was unable to convert its superiority into goals and when Caulfield coach Takis Svingos took off Jim Sahinidis in the 40th minute replacing him with Michael Hamakiotis, the game swung out of Oakleigh's reach.

"Hammer" Hamakiotis not only succeeded in keeping Ross quiet for the rest of the game but also provided the impetus for Caulfield attacks.

Five minutes into the second-half Caulfield drew first blood when Lou Theodosopoulos

ran onto a fine ball from Phil Griffin playing his first game for Caulfield. Theodosopoulos took the ball on his left foot and was brought down by Emil Pahijina inside the area.

Paul Harris, who continued his string of fine performances, made no mistake with the resulting penalty and placed his shot to the left of goalkeeper John Valfadis.

Then only three minutes later Caulfield wrapped up the game when Pepe Abraham, who had come on after half-time for Stratos Xynas, came down the left-hand side and put a ball through for John Bitsonis who touched it forward and blasted it into the Oakleigh goal.

Oakleigh was shocked by the two goals in such quick succession and never got back into the game. Coach Kris Kallafalopoulos have to instill fighting spirit into his team if it is to bounce back in the future because it virtually threw in the towel having conceded the goals.



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los ran onto a fine ball from Phil Griffin playing his first game for Caulfield. Theodosopoulos took the ball on his left foot and was brought down by Emil Pahijina inside the area.

Paul Harris, who continued his string of fine performances, made no mistake with the resulting penalty and placed his shot to the left of goalkeeper John Valfadis.

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Both teams failed to come to terms with the gusty wind in the first-half though Box Hill did have the better chances.

Two minutes into the second-half Paul Temos, who had come on for Athersych at half-time, took the ball to the by-line and his cross was met by Kevin Carfara whose header was scraped away by Hennessey.

Eight minutes from the end Andy Higgins and Danny Arcoraci combined on the left to put Higgins in a one-on-one situation with Box Hill keeper John McKinlay, but McKinlay foiled the attempt.

The last 15 minutes though saw both teams relax and it was clear that the two teams were happy with a draw.

"It was not a game to write home about," said Lynn, "but considering our injury problems, I was happy with the result."

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F'ston Pines 0**  
At Town Park on Sunday.  
Scorer: French 80th.

Frankston Pines showed plenty of spirit in their clash with the champions of the last two years and in the end could just as easily have won this game as lost it.

For all Croydon's midfield advantage it was only a touch of Graham French magic which earned Jim Tansey's

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# Dick back at Pines, Vrzina v McAleer

 By  
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The on-again, off-again Ally Dick transfer saga became further complicated last week when Macedonia backed down from its bid to sign last year's Rothmans Medal winner.

While Dick had signed a contract with Macedonia, Pines and Macedonia did not seal the transfer as Macedonia wanted to bring down Pines' asking price of \$8,000. Without the transfer Dick's contract was meaningless.

The Macedonia committee began to get cold feet on the deal and finally closed the door on Dick's hopes of playing in the National League this year.

Dick has been in dispute with Pines since the Buffalo Cup night series began and refused to play for the club which told its players it could

not afford to offer them contracts this year.

Then Dick played in one Buffalo Cup game, against Macedonia — the club which later made a bid for him. With the breakdown in negotiations Dick has once again made himself available to Pines' coach Danny McMinimee and played last weekend in the second-half of Pines' game at Croydon.

Pines clash with Broadmeadows this Sunday and though Broadmeadows will come to Monterey Reserve looking for victory, Pines should make the most of the home ground advantage and snatch the points in this game.

Broadmeadows should be strengthened by the return of Terry Nolan who made a great comeback in the reserves last weekend, and import Dougie Blair is also on the verge of selection as he reaches match-fitness.

McMinimee's team has shown time and time again that it can soak up pressure applied by opposing attacks and with the addition of Dick to its own forward-line should be able to stick away the goals necessary to wrap up this game.

Green Gully plays in Morwell this Saturday at North Crinigan Reserve and coach Gus Macleod is taking no chances in what promises to be one of Gully's most difficult games this year.

Macleod is taking his team down to Gippsland on Friday night to ensure that his players are settled for the Saturday game.

While three Gully players are carrying injuries — Joe Sweeney, Tommy Cumming and Danny Zemunik — they all played well last week so the team may remain unchanged.

Sweeney has scored two goals in his two games for Gully since moving from Brunswick Juventus and is looking lethal.

Falcons' coach Dave O'Connor is looking for more drive from his midfield and is still shuffling players around in search of the right combination. Graham Tutill fitted well into the midfield last weekend in the game against Polonia which Falcons were unlucky to lose.

While O'Connor's team languishes three from bottom on the table, its formidable reputation, particularly at home, should prove well-earned this weekend and Falcons should be a match for the team that already is threatening to run away with the title.

Ron Smith's AIS team has exceeded all expectations and would be topping the State League this week were it receiving points for its games.

With three wins and one draw under its belt, only Green Gully is on equal points and the Institute's superb defensive record, conceding only one goal



● Green Gully, which faces Morwell this weekend. Back row: Charlie Sant, Stephen Douglas, Steve McLellan, Colin Quigley, Lou Denys, Stuart Cannell, Joe Sweeney. Front row: David Hogben, Les Carter, Danny Zemunik, Tommy Cumming, John Grimaud, Scott Fraser. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

in its four games would put it at the head of the table on goal-difference.

Though last weekend's game against Northcote was a lack-lustre affair, Smith is delighted with his medical ligaments it will be a far from full-strength team that coach Mike Lynn fields.

A question mark also hangs over striker Bobby McGuinness who had stitches over his eye after last weekend's game against Box Hill, but Lynn is hopeful that he will be available.

Polonia coach Miron Bleiberg has problems of his own with the league's leading goalscorer Greg Warszawski compounding his injuries last weekend when he added hamstring problems to his previous groin troubles.

Box Hill plays host to Springvale this Sunday at Wembley Park in a game which brings together two teams which have yet to live up to their potential this season.

Neither team has got a win on the board so far this year so for both coaches, George Murray and Bobby McLachlan, this game presents a golden opportunity to make up for lost time and boost the points tally.

Box Hill is suffering from problems at the front. It has undeniably skilful forwards like Damian Mori and Dave Azzopardi but it lacks the height to beat most State League defences.

If McLachlan's forwards can get some goals on the board they should be able to win this game for Springvale.

Sunday's game at Ralph Street Reserve sees two teams

with troubles at the moment battling it out.

Jim Kondilis's Western Suburbs lost a lot of players at the end of last season and is now running into injury problems. The committee has been reluctant to buy new talent which has left Kondilis in situations like last Sunday's against Springvale where he had to play an unfit David Smallman up front.

Suburbs owe their mid-table position to a shock win at Morwell a couple of weeks ago and it is clear that Kondilis's team understands the art of dogged defence.

In this Sunday's game though, the onus will be on Suburbs to attack against a Northcote side that has yet to find its way this season.

With morale at the club on the wane it looks like being a tough weekend for Northcote as Suburbs should get up in this game and chalk up their second win for the season.

Croydon clambered back into the top half of the table last weekend with its first win for the league season over Frankston Pines but faces stiffer opposition this Saturday when it travels to Princess Park to battle with Caulfield.

Caulfield started off last weekend's game against Oakleigh slowly but picked up considerably when Michael Hamakiotis and Pepe Abrahamson came on around the half-time mark.

With these two and recent signing Phil Griffin vying for first-team berths Takis Svingos seems to have plenty of depth in his squad.

Here are this weekend's games with the likely winners in capitals:

## SATURDAY

CAULFIELD v Croydon at Princess Park, 3pm.  
Morwell Falcons v Green Gully at North Crinigan Reserve, 3pm.

INSTITUTE OF SPORT v Oakleigh at Bruce Stadium, 7.30pm.

## SUNDAY

FRANKSTON PINES v Broadmeadows at Monterey Park, 3pm.

WESTERN SUBURBS v Northcote at Ralph Street Reserve, 3pm.

Fawkner v St. Albans Dinamo at Smith Reserve, 3pm.

POLONIA v Thomastown at Raleigh Reserve, 3pm.

Box Hill v SPRINGVALE at Wembley Park, 3pm.

## Hawke is available

Experienced goalkeeper Terry Hawke is on the look-out for a new club and is on a free transfer.

Hawke is a former Mooroolbark, Caulfield and Ferntree Gully keeper who has distinguished himself at all levels of the game in Australia.

He can be contacted at work on 20 2591 or at home on 819 2207.

## Spicer on the move

Paul Spicer, the Doncaster Rovers winger and third place-getter in last year's First Division Best and Fairest, is looking for a new club.

The 20-year-old has a \$750 maximum on his head and can be contacted at 048 5235.

## Buffalo State League standings

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
GREEN GULLY	3	1	0	8	5	7
POLONIA	2	3	0	8	4	6
CAULFIELD	3	0	1	5	2	6
FAWKNER	2	2	0	5	2	6
St Albans Dinamo	2	1	1	8	4	5
Thomastown	2	1	0	2	0	5
Croydon	1	2	1	3	3	4
Frankston Pines	1	1	2	4	6	3
Western Suburbs	1	1	2	3	5	3
Oakleigh	1	1	2	6	9	3
Springvale City	0	2	1	2	3	2
Box Hill	0	2	2	2	4	2
Morwell Falcons	0	2	1	2	4	2
Broadmeadows	1	0	3	3	6	2
Northcote	0	0	3	1	5	0

\* The AIS is not included in the tables as no points are awarded for the games it plays.

GREEN GULLY 2 (Sweeney 55th, Cumming 65th) ST ALBANS DINAMO 1 (Morovic 17th) at Green Gully Reserve, Sunday.

GREEN GULLY: Denys 7, Cannel 7, Grimaud 7 (Fraser 65th), Douglas 7, Cumming 8, Quigley 7, McLellan 7, Carter 7 — Sweeney 7, Zemunik 7. Coach: Gus Macleod.  
ST ALBANS DINAMO: Grig 7 — Colina 8, Ramjak 7, Krajacic 7, Kuzman 7 — Rastocic 5 (Backac 70th), Batovic 6, Culina 7, Duzel 6 — Morovic 7, Runje 6. Coach: Tony Vrzina.

Best three: 3. Cumming (GG), 2. Colina (StAD), 1. Sweeney (GG).  
SPRINGVALE 1 (House pen. 59th) WESTERN SUBURBS 1 (Tuck 25th) at Ross Reserve, Sunday.

SPRINGVALE: Boland 6 — Bannan 6, Hobson 6, Adams 7, Bissinger 8 — Bell 7, Stewart 7, Williams 5 — Loughname 5, House 7, Garvey 7. Coach: Bobby McLachlan.  
WESTERN SUBURBS: Kardamitis 8 — Macleod 7, Stefanidis 5 (Cullen H.T. 5), Dimovski 6, Kyriazis 6 — Parmacoti 6, Farmer 7, Hamill 7, Kountouris 5 (Kagioglou 84th) — Tuck 6, Smallman 5. Coach: Jim Kondilis.

Best three: 3. Kagioglou (WS), 2. Bissinger (SV), 1. House (SV).  
THOMASTOWN 0 BOX HILL 0 at Partridge Reserve, Sunday.

THOMASTOWN: Raponi 6 — Cosentino 7, McMillan 6, Higgins 7, Arcoraci 7 — Carfora 8, Kerr 6, Constantinou 7, Coyle 5 — Athersych 5 (Temos H.T. 7), McGuinness 7 (Jankolovski 54th), Coach: Mike Lynn.  
BOX HILL: McLellan 7 — Bird 6, A. McLellan 7, Hennessey 6 — Davidson 7, Burton 6, Brimmer 5, Roodhouse 7 — Mozzina 5, Mori 6 (McMorrow 75th), Azzopardi 6.

Best three: 3. Carfora (TH), 2. A. McLellan (BH), 1. McGuinness (TH).  
OAKLEIGH 0 CAULFIELD 2 (Harris pen. 50th, Bitsonis 53rd) at Caloola Reserve, Saturday.

OAKLEIGH: Vafiadis 5 — Laletas 5 (Vardasas 70th), Pahlina 5, Tzavoulas 5, Dimovski 6, Polina 6, Coach: 5. Papas 5 (Karamitros 60th), Irvine 6, Goularis 5. Coach: Kris Kalitidis.  
CAULFIELD: Madjer 5 — Filipou 6, Harris 8, Koutos 8, Michail 6 — Bitsonis 6, Theodorou 6, Xynas 5 (Abraham H.T. 7) — Sahinidis 5 (Haramiotis 40th), Theodoropoulos 6, Griffin 7. Coach: Takis Svingos.

Best three: 3. Koutos (Ca), 2. Harris (Ca), 1. Griffin (Ca).  
NORTHCOTE CITY 0 AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT 1 (Polak 30th) at John Cain Reserve, Saturday.

NORTHCOTE: Turidja 4 — Leonardos 3, Bozakis 5, Patiniotis 4, J. Constantinou 3 — Ramos 4, Toro 2 (Kouramenos 46m 3), Drakoford 3 — Bekanis 4, Espanon 3, P. Constantinou 3. Coach: Juan Toro.  
INSTITUTE OF SPORT: Gurn 3 — Henly 3, Koch 5, Mills 4, Riddell 3 — Gibson 3, Clarkson 3, Polak 6, Nicolou 4 — Edwards 5, Welch 4. Coach: Ron Smith.

Best three: 3. Polak (AIS), 2. Koch (AIS), 1. Bozakis (NC).  
CROYDON CITY 1 (French 80th) FRANKSTON PINES 0 at Town Park, Sunday.

CROYDON CITY: Waterman 7 — M. Brown 6, I. Marshall 5 (Black 11. 6), O'Reilly 7, Tansey 7 — McDonald 6, Brogan 6, Beech 7, Livingston 5 — Nelson 6, French 7. Coach: Jim Tansey.  
FRANKSTON PINES: Radov 6 — Thurlow 7, Bozic 6, Park 6 — Rust 5 (Dick H.T. 6), Smith 6, Buchanan 6, Watson 6, Miller 7 — P. Hennessey 6, Armstrong 6. Coach: Danny McMinimee.

Best three: 3. O'Reilly (Cr), 2. French (Cr), 1. Thurlow (FP).  
BROADMEADOWS 0 FAWKNER 1 (Feria 34th) at Laura Douglas Reserve, Sunday.

BROADMEADOWS: Pace 6 — Smart 6, Vizzini 5, Higham 6, Edmondson 6 (J. Giantar 60th) — Blair 7, Mizz 5 (Donaldson 67th), A. Giantar 5 — J. Kadlecik 5, P. Kadlecik 6, Libertio 5. Coach: Kaz Kulak.  
FAWKNER: Wilson 6 — Ferla 7, Font 6, Schipano 7 — Walsh 5, Chavelli 7, Stenson 6 (Cuzzella 75th), DiCecco 6 — Palinkas 6, Tuffield 6, Verecchia 6. Coach: Frank McAleer.

Best three: 3. Ferla (Fa), 2. Chavelli (Fa), 1. Blair (Bm).  
MORWELL FALCONS 1 (Webster 44th) POLONIA 1 (Warszawski 52nd) at North Crinigan Reserve, Sunday.

MORWELL: Prezioso 5 — Bingham 6, Clarke 6, Bruns 7, Kotis 6 — E. Cassar 6 (Van Baar), O'Callaghan 7, Tutill 7 — Webster 7, Stirton 6 — A. Cassar 6. Coach: Dave O'Connor.  
POLONIA: Kiss 7 — Upiarski 6, Kotzamalichis 7, Drinoczek 6 (Warszawski H.T. 6), Nelson 6 — Czarnik 7, Bennett 7, Flavell 7, Baran 6 (Lakis 60th) — Wycisk 7, Storm 6. Coach: Miron Bleiberg.

Best three: 3. A. Cassar (MF), 2. Kotzamalichis (Pol), 1. Tutill (MF).  
The leading vote-getters are:

11 — Harris (Ca).  
8 — Edwards (AIS).  
7 — Ferla (Fa).

6 — T. Cumming (GG), J. Nelson (Cr), Polak (AIS).  
5 — Burton (BH), Kotzamalichis (Pol).

4 — Blair (Bm), Duzel (StAD), Ferla (Fa), Kardamitis (WS), Palinkas (Fa).

3 — Bingham (MF), Boland (SV), Carfora (Th), A. Cassar (MF), Colina (StAD), Dimovski (WS), Grimaud (GG), Gymnopoulos (NC), Higgins (Th), House (SV), Janssen (FP), Koutos (Ca), McGuinness (Th), McLellan (GG), Marshall (Cr), R. Nelson (Pol), O'Reilly (Cr).



● Frank McAleer — his high-flying Eagles outfit

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2 — Buchanan (FP), Cuzzella (Fa), French (Cr), P. Hennessey



# Freshwater up in arms!

Sutherland Shire drew its third successive match and for the third successive time the scoreline was 0-0.

At the other end of the scale, Canterbury Marrickville has scored for the third time in three weeks and has only one point to show for its efforts.

Jimmy Ronis, the hard-working secretary of Canterbury Marrickville, was at odds to explain how this could happen. With the smile that seldom leaves his face he grinned as he tried to explain his side's misfortunes: "We should get something for those goals," said Ronis.

Canterbury may not have won a game this season but managed to get off the bottom of the table, after Inter Monaro got thumped at Cook Park by



NSW State Bank League with ALEX VESIC

the marauding men in blue and black.

Canberra City had two more Peruvians on display at Bruce against Freshwater but found the side from the northern Sydney beaches a little hard to beat. In the end Canberra won after a disputed penalty, prompting one Sydneysider to lament that it was a "compulsory" penalty decision against the visitors.

John Fleming promised "five" against Macedonia at

Berkeley but his men did not fire and in the end City and Macedonia shared the spoils with one goal and one point apiece.

Rockdale Ilinden and Ku-Ring-Gai looked set for a draw until an inexplicable error gave Ilinden's Nastoski the break.

And what about Manly Warringah? Well, my prediction of a huge loss fell a few goals short with Melita Eagles winning after a disputed penalty decision.

In 270 minutes of football Manly has been beaten just once and that was from the penalty spot. Well done Alf Stamp, you are doing a fine job with a bunch of dedicated youngsters.

## Ilinden 2 Ku-Ring-Gai 1

At Seymour Shaw  
Scorers: Kevern 25th (K), Rodas 47th, Nastoski 88th (R).

With his defence reshuffled, the introduction of yet another youngster to first grade duties and the demotion of Bennett and Bass to second grade, coach Dennis Ford could hardly expect to gain more than a point against Rockdale Ilinden.

In fact most believed that Ilinden would walk it in with only David Kevern in defence from the last year's successful backline at Ku-Ring-Gai.

Ilinden did turn it on for the first quarter of an hour and looked menacing indeed. But due to some good keeping by Lacey and some poor management by Ilinden players with Genovese and Rodas having their shots saved, Ku-Ring-Gai pulled through then took the initiative.

John Camburn raced down the left before sending in a looping long cross to the far Post. David Kevern came steaming in and with Ilinden players failing to cover the Ku-Ring-Gai fullback, Kevern simply shot from an acute angle to

beat Barker in the 25th minute. Ilinden came back strongly in the closing stages of the first half and almost snatched an equaliser with Paul Darlington being the closest to the mark by hitting the woodwork in the 45th.

Two minutes into the second half and the crowd was treated to a gem of a goal. Mitrovski was the man who started the move. Ilinden's sweeper came thundering through on the right flank then sent in a cross which was met first time by Patrick Rodas. It was a superb volley which left Lacey gasping.

Lee Sutherland had an opportunity to intercept but let the ball go and only a second later he watched the ball flash into the net — a little late to do anything about it then.

Ilinden tried hard to get the winner but with little success. Then came a substitution by Ku-Ring-Gai and Craig Bass was on the park. Right on full time the bustling striker faced Barker then chipped him but shot over the bar.

Seconds later Sutherland found Williamson who managed to scoop the ball high and wide from just inches out from goal!

Then came the clincher. Vince Nastoski, at 19 years of age one of the veterans of Ilinden, dispossessed Chris Quigley then raced into the area to score in the 88th. For Nastoski it was his belated birthday present. He turned 19 only two weeks ago.

Happy birthday Vince!

## Macedonia 1 Woll City 1

At Berkeley Sports Ground  
Scorers: Easthorpe 30th (W), Campbell 55th (M).

This south coast derby attracted over 2,000 spectators at Berkeley Sports Ground and a find day was had by all — except the forwards.

The bitter rivalry which has developed between these teams in the past two seasons was good promotional material prior to the match, but for all concerned it was a matter of survival with neither yet open to come forward and open up holes to exploit.

It was a wait-and-see game with Macedonia making the first error and Randall Easthorpe galloping in to score his goal and give Wolves the advantage.

Andy Campbell capped on of his best games for Macedonia by scoring the equaliser in the 55th, giving Warwick Young no chance at all and that effectively put an end to goals and chances alike.

Berringer at one end and Campbell at the other marshalled their defences with rare enthusiasm hence the forwards, despite some solid displays particularly from Easthorpe, Brodnik and Paul and Robert Giraldi, could do little to penetrate.

Mark Sweeney, despite a broken toe, played for the full



Blacktown boss Les Scheinflug: "What do you think this result has done for Blacktown and me?"

90 minutes and that sums up the fiercely competitive nature both sides displayed in this local derby.

## Blacktown 0 Sutherland 0

At Gabbie Stadium  
Scorers: None.

"We had most of the play and the chances but failed to capitalise," was the comment from BOTH sides after the match.

But the scoreline remained 0-0, something I was reminded of by the Sutherland Shire manager.

"I waited for you to ring me, Alex, because I was sure you'd change your phone number," sounded Geoff Ball, referring to my prediction here.

Well, I had promised to change my number, just in case Sutherland took a point in this match. It did, and I wasn't going to take this sitting down. I phoned Les Scheinflug, the Demons coach, and told him that I was not going to be made a fool of.

"What are you trying to do to me?" I asked.

"What do you think this re-

sult has done to Blacktown and me?" yelled Scheinflug.

Well, it was all in good fun. Sutherland collected its third straight draw and may be invited by Littlewoods to tour England next year if it can continue this form for the rest of the season.

Craig Burckmore was the star of his side as he repeatedly denied good efforts by the Blacktown forwards, including saves from Sandy, Thornwaite and Cotton.

Sutherland had its own opportunities to net, the best failing to Peter Terry late in the game. He faced McPherson but the keeper blocked the shot. Terry had a second bite of the cherry but his final effort went wide.

Craig Hall almost snatched a late winner with a header following a fine run by Greg Lerond but it cleared the crossbar much to the relief of McPherson — and yours truly!

## Canberra 1 Freshwater 0

At Bruce Stadium  
Scorers: Alan Reis pen, 86th.

"We cry robbed!" was the wail from Freshwater after it returned from its trip to Bruce Stadium last Saturday night.

Canberra City was awarded a penalty in the closing stages of the game as Gillan and Alan Reis grappled for the ball on the edge of the penalty area. The referee apparently took some time after Reis fell to the ground before pointing to the spot.

Alan Reis made no mistake with his attempt to convert and Canberra City had its first win of the season.

For Canberra the win coincided with the arrival of two more Peruvians, Alexis Suarez and Sixto Gonzales joined Augusto Palacios, the Peruvian international now player-coach of Canberra.

Gonzales was an instant success and with Palacios formed a strong partnership which gave Freshwater some anxious moments during the first period.

Freshwater came back strongly in the second half and created its own opportunities but wasted them.

In fact Cassachia could have salvaged a point for the visitors in the dying seconds as he swung at the ball only five metres from goal but missed it altogether and Canberra took the points.

## Manly Warr 0 Melita Eagles 1

At Cromer Park  
Scorers: Birol Serbas pen, 53rd.

Warwick Tingle is fast becoming the talk of the town as he denies forwards game after game with the ease of a seasoned international.

He saved from Farrugia early, then repeated the dose with Serbas offering a shot in the 25th. Only two minutes later and Callanan found the young keeper in form. But the

31st when Brown crossed for John Foxman to get up and send a header which was goal-bound. Tingle made an incredible save, pushing the ball over the bar for a corner.

However, eight minutes into the second half and the youngster who has stood unbeaten for 233 minutes in his first season in State League, was beaten. John Foxman attempted a lob which was handled by a Manly defender and Birol Serbas scored from the resultant penalty.

Cimarosi had a chance for Manly midway through the second half and John Foxman had one for Melita but the scoreline remained unchanged.

In the end Melita was happy to take the points after a pale performance at Cromer Park. The league favorite hasn't repeated its pre-season form and will be hoping for a quick return by Wilson to bolster its chances.

## Canterbury 1 Newcastle Rose 2

At Arlington Oval  
Scorers: Caisley 15th, Penfold 80th pen, (NR), Kalogeras pen, 65th (C).

John Spanos was signed by Canterbury in a bid to bolster its playing strength. In the meantime Newcastle Rosebuds fielded a settled line-up with Mountford and Milosevic leading the way from the back.

A corner by Ross Milosevic found Derek Caisley who beat Hummell from close range to open the scoring.

Canterbury equalised through a penalty by George Kalogeras after Zlatko Arambasic was brought down.

But hopes of yet another point at Arlington vanished as Hummell impeded a Newcastle forward. Craig Penfold scored from the resultant penalty to give Rosebuds their second away victory with scoreline of 2-1.

## Uruguay 5 Inter Monaro 1

At Cook Park  
Scorers: Battan 70th, 72nd, Woods pen, 17th, Thompson 63rd, McKie 54th (U), Colbert 74th (M).

Inter Monaro, well led by Sebastian Giampaolo, looked in good touch during the first period and was the better side for most of the first 45 minutes.

However, for all its good work, Inter Monaro fell behind to a penalty after 17 minutes. Gabriel Domazetovic handled and Brett Woods made no mistake from the spot.

Inter started the second period with most at the ground believing that it had a good chance to take at least one and maybe both points. But Inter never came to grips with this contest and fell down badly.

John McKie stroled through a gaping hole in Inter's defence in the 54th to make it 2-0, then Craig Thompson repeated the move to make it 3-0 in the 63rd. David Battan added two goals in the space of three minutes and despite Colbert's late goal for Inter, the visitors were well and truly hammered.



Brett Woods — opened Uruguay's account against Inter Monaro.



John McKie — scored Uruguay's second

## STATE BANK SOCCER LEAGUE

Saturday, 4th of April  
(7.30pm)

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUDS — CANBERRA CITY,  
Adamstown Oval  
WOLLONGONG CITY — BLACKTOWN CITY,  
Wollongong Showground

Sunday, 5th of April  
(2.30pm)

KU-RING-GAI — WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA,  
Parklands  
INTER MONARO — ROCKDALE ILINDEN,  
Marco Polo Ground  
MANLY WARRINGAH — URUGUAY,  
Cromer Park  
SUTHERLAND — CANTERBURY,  
Seymour Shaw  
MELITA EAGLES — FRESHWATER  
Melita Stadium



Canberra's Alan Reis — converted from the penalty spot against Freshwater to give his side a



# BLACKTOWN TO GO DOWN

By  
ALEX VESIC

**Wollongong City Wolves are about to tame Blacktown City Demons on Saturday night at the Wollongong Showground in the big clash of the fourth round of the 1987 State Bank League.**

Both sides have just about performed according to early-season predictions, taking points in the first three league games. This Saturday it is expected that Blacktown City Demons will take the initiative despite playing away from home and that could prove costly with the likes of Giraldo and Brodnik countering for the locals.

The speed and enthusiasm of Blacktown will be countered by the experience of the locals with Cokely versus Jeffery and Kay versus Ainsworth key clashes in this match. Cokely should get the better of the exchanges with Jeffery, but Kay, returning to his home town, will be too strong for ex-Wolves defender Ainsworth.

Randell Easthorpe and Rade Stefanovski might provide the fire needed to settle the issue for the Wolves, while Brett Thornthwaite and Jason van Blerk have the speed to outrun Skeen and Morlando.

The other Saturday night fixture — at Adamstown — could provide an entertaining evening with Newcastle full of speed and Canberra chockful of experience. The home ground advantage should be just enough to keep Palacios, Sermani and Co. at bay.

Nelson and Dunn, the Canberra youngsters in the centre of defence, will face the strength of Cavanani and Rowney with Scott Gresham, Rosebuds' 16-years-old sensation, adding plenty of firepower.

A draw looks the best bet. Ku-Ring-Gai will have all sorts of trouble against Wollongong Macedonia on Sunday. Its star striker, Craig Bass is relegated to second grade, its defence

reshuffled and the chances of success very low against this tough defence of Macedonia.

Goals are going to be hard come by, unless Kuringsai throws all it has into attack, including Jeffery, Nile, Fagan and Williamson. This will be a draw — unless Bass is recalled to the first grade side.

Inter Monaro and Rockdale Ilinden will find it impossible to refrain from all-out attack at Marco Polo Ground. Neither side can afford to drop further points and a battle galore will ensue with the home side, with Valeri and Giam-paolo in full flight, favored to take the points.

Ilinden is still without a recognised goal poacher and will have to rely on the speed of Genovesi and the skill of Risteovski, should the latter be rushed back into the side.

Manly Warringah will face a difficult task against Uruguay at Cromer Park and I feel that its early season form will be tested against the side from Penrith. Manly's defence looks solid as does that of Uruguay.

Washington Gonzales will add a touch of class to Canterbury but that alone could be a vital factor in the final result.

Gonzales, who is 31 years old, was a member of Racing football club in Argentina and played 43 internationals for Uruguay! He is bound to form an unbeatable midfield combination with Craig Thompson and Aytek Genc and they should provide plenty of chances for Batten and McKie.

If Ian Hunter returns to the forward line then Uruguay can look forward to this game at Cromer Park with a smile, anticipating fireworks in front of young Tingle.

Manly's firepower will come from Cimarosti and Stuart, but too little to worry the likes of Woods, O'Donnell and Tomasich and the goalkeeping of Hoare.

Sutherland will test its goalscoring ability against



● Melita Eagles midfielder Wayne Farnsworth — he'll face Freshwater at Melita Eagles Stadium on Sunday.

the young and out-of-touch Canterbury side. John O'Shea, Mark Harrington, Darryl Sharpe and the expected return of Craig Hall will be a little too much for Canterbury to cope with. Anything but a comfortable victory to Sutherland would surprise.

Melita Eagles haven't set the world on fire this season and will find Freshwater a tough nut to crack at Melita Stadium.

Freshwater is yet to find its feet, having lost six players after round one of the

competition and having to draw upon a new coach and new players. Anything but a victory to the Eagles would surprise but this will be far from a comfortable stroll for the home side, even with the quality of Ray Farrugia and Wayne Farnsworth in midfield.

Here are this weekend's games with likely winners in capitals:

**SATURDAY**

Newcastle Rosebuds v

Canberra (draw) at

Adamstown Oval.

Wollongong City v

Blacktown (draw) at Wollongong Showground.

**SUNDAY**

Ku-Ring-Gai v Wollongong Macedonia (draw) at

Parklands.

INTER MONARO v

Rockdale Ilinden at Marco

Polo Ground.

Manly Warringah v

URUGUAY at Cromer

Park.

SUTHERLAND v Can-

terbury at Seymour Shaw.

MELITA EAGLES v

Freshwater at Melita

Stadium.

## YOU'LL BE THE HERO FOR JUVE

Juventus-Pioneer retained its Cascade Summer Cup title in Tasmania with a 1-0 win over Olympia-WPL at the KGV stadium in Glenorchy.

Damon Youl, the Juventus goalkeeper, was one of his side's heroes on the night.

He had been discarded after two matches of the pre-season competition following the arrival of the club's new goalkeeper from Aberdeen, Neil Connell.

Connell played in the third group-match and the semi-final, where he was injured and ruled out of the final.

Youl was recalled at short notice and turned in a blinder, saving fine efforts from Xanthopoulos and Goldsmith during the course of the match.

Australia's national under-16 captain, Dominic Longo, was a tower of strength at the back for Ju-

ventus and he and fellow defenders Nick Di Martino, Alistair Cochrane and Bruce Pears, effectively neutralised the Olympia strikers.

The decisive goal came right on half-time following a quick Juventus counter-attack. Kannegiesser crossed from the left, Broadhouse miskicked, and the ball rolled loose to Frank Genovesi who placed his shot past the vainly driving Burden.

Olympia might have had a penalty in the closing minutes but the referee waved play on and Xanthopoulos' shot was deflected onto the crossbar.

The final of the Rothmans League section of the competition went to a replay after Taroona and



Metro-Claremont drew 1-1 in the first match.

David Smith had given Taroona a 26th minute lead before Michael Dawes grabbed an equalizer on the hour.

In the replay, Metro took the lead in the 28th minute through Michael McIntyre's penalty and seemed certain to win when Smith struck again 10 minutes from the end.

Peter Wallace took a corner from the left and Smith, an ex-coach of Metro, scored with a glancing header to take the match into extra-time.

Taroona, last year's beaten finalist, made amends when Eddie Stewart chipped a delightful winner from the corner of the penalty area in the 93rd minute.

The win was even more meritorious since Taroona played for an hour with only 10 men, central defender John Papios having been sent off in the 59th minute for allegedly striking an opponent.

It was a memorable day for David Smith. He had coached Juventus to last

## Tasmanian Scene

with WALTER PLESS



● New Juventus goalkeeper Neil Connell (left) congratulates coach Peter Irving.

part in Taroona's win as a player.

Not only had his goal ensured a replay, but he scored in that match and then went into goal for the final five minutes where he pulled off a superb flying save against Steve Pitchford to ensure Taroona of victory.

Two of the happiest people at the ground were

come on in the closing stages as a player, while Ross, who has built this club virtually single-handedly, had two sons, Brett and Craig, playing for the side.

**DETAILS:** Cascade Summer Cup — Cadbury League section, Juventus-Pioneer 1 (Genovesi) Olympia-WPL 0; Rothmans League section, Taroona 2

### State Bank League table

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
BLACKTOWN CITY	2	1	0	6	1	5
WOLLONGONG CITY	2	1	0	7	5	5
MANLY WARRINGAH	2	0	1	3	1	4
MELITA EAGLES	1	2	0	6	5	4
Newcastle	2	0	1	5	4	4
Canberra City	1	2	0	3	2	4
Uruguay	1	1	1	8	5	3
Rockdale Ilinden	1	1	1	4	4	3
Sutherland	0	3	0	0	0	3
Macedonia W'gong	0	2	1	2	3	2
Freshwater	1	0	2	4	6	2
Ku-Ring-Gai	0	1	2	2	4	1
Canterbury	0	1	2	3	7	1
Inter Monaro	0	1	2	5	11	1

**ROCKDALE ILINDEN 2 (Rodas 47th, Nastoski 88th) KU-RING-GAI 1 (Kevorn 25th) at Seymour Shaw Park.**

ILINDEN Barker 7. — D Wilson 7, Boogard 7, Mitrovski 8, G Wilson 7. — Nastoski 7, Darlington 7 (Nikolovski 82nd), Rodas 8, Genovesi 9. — Bedoni 7, Spirovski 6 (68th Risteovski).  
KU-RING-GAI: Lac 6. — Kevorn 8, Smith 6, Pepper 7, Camburn 7. — Sutherland 5, Berry 6, Williamson 6, Ferguson 7 (Bass 82nd), Fagan (60th Quigley 5), Jeffery 7.

Best three: 3 Genovesi (RI), 2 Rodas (RI), 1 Kevorn (K)

**MACEDONIA 1 (Campbell 55th) WOLLONGONG CITY 1 (Easthorpe 30th) at Berkeley.**

MACEDONIA: Bezmovski 7. — Campbell 9, Ruskin 7, Sweeney 8, Muhlbauer 7. — Dakovski 7, Krivoski 7, Jirsa 6, Kerr 7. — Gardiner 6, Giraldo 7.  
WOLLONGONG CITY: Young 7. — Skeen 7, Hoilfield 6, Berringer 7, Morand 7. — Ainsworth 8, Hustovski 5 (Stefanovski 80th), Coakley 6, Giraldo 6. — Brodnik 7, Easthorpe 8.

Best three: 3 Campbell (MI), 2 Easthorpe (WC), 1 Sweeney (M)

**BLACKTOWN CITY 0 SUTHERLAND 0 at the Gabbie.**

BLACKTOWN CITY: McPherson 7. — Maier 8, Reynolds 7, Sterrey 8, Northern 7. — Jeffery 7, Kay 8, Eilam 7. — Thornthwaite 6, Sandy 5 (Naumov 75th), Van Blerk 5 (Cotton 46th), 6.  
SUTHERLAND: Burchmore 8. — R O'Shea 7, Terry 8, Ball 7, Seller 7, J O'Shea 7, Cox 7, Harrington 8, Tasker 7 (Lerond 75th). — Hall 6, Cahan 6 (Sharpe 60th).

Best three: 3 Burchmore (SI), 2 Kay (BC), 1 Harrington (SI)

**CANBERRA CITY 1 (A Reis pen 86th) FRESHWATER 0 at Bruce.**

CANBERRA CITY: Economopoulos 7. — Bryant 8, Dunn 7, Suarez 8, Mazis 7. — P Reis 8, Jernani 7, Palacios 9 (Papadopoulos 87th). — A Reis 8, Gonzales 8 (Nelson 55th).  
FRESHWATER: Young 8. — Gillen 6, Kelly 6, Dean 8, Duckling 8. — Knight 7, Campbell 8, Bottalico 5 (Cassacha 68th), De Ceglie 6 (Watt 78th). — Corrigan 7, Giamone 6.

Best three: 3 Palacios (CC), 2 Dean (F), 1 Bryant (CC)

**MANLY WARRINGAH 0 MELITA EAGLES 1 (Sertbas pen 53rd) at Cromer.**

MANLY: Tingle 8. — Dennis 7, Pearce 7, Williamson 7, Mangen 6. — Etherington 6, Juergens 5, Carrick 5, Stuart 6. — Cimarosti 6, Smith 5 (Loughran 63rd, 7).  
MELITA EAGLES: Pupovac 7. — Williamson 7, Callanan 6, Cabassi 8, Griffiths 7 (Meerban 45th). — Farrugia 7, Farnsworth 6, Wellbourn 6, Sertbas 7 (85th McFadden). — Brown 6, Foxman 6.

Best three: 3 Cabassi (ME), 2 Tingle (MW), 1 Sertbas (ME)

**CANTERBURY 1 (Kalogeras pen 65th) NEWCASTLE ROSEBUDS 2 (Caisley 15th, Penfold pen 80th) at Arlington.**

CANTERBURY: Hummel 8. — Vandarakis 6, Antoniadis 7, Radman 8, Mirovski 7. — Borg 8, Kateras 7, Spinos 6. — Andromides 6, Petas 6 (George 70th), Arambasic (Antonopoulos 65th).  
NEWCASTLE: Grills 8. — Milosevic 8, Mountford 8, Roberts 7. — Caisley 15 (Wrayner 70th), Penfold 7, 80 (Cotton 46th), 6.

Best three: 3 Mountford (NR), 2 Radman (C), 1 Milosevic (NR)

**URUGUAY 5 (Woods pen 17th, Batten 70th, 72nd, McKie 54th, Thompson 53rd) INTER MONARO 1 (Colbert 74th) at Cook Park.**

URUGUAY: Hoare 7. — O'Donnell 9, Woods 8, Krstovic 6 (Piriz 72nd), Tomasich 7. — Bourke 7, Thompson 7, Webber 6, Genc 8. — Batten 7, McKie 7 (Musquer 70th).  
INTER MONARO: Notaras 5. — Doornazetovici 5, Tillas 6, Gaggetti 6 (Arthur 75th), Colbert 74, 6. — Felizzo 6 (Monteroso 75th), Ambrosino 7, Panabianco 5. — Fernandez 6, Giampaolo 8, Valeri 6.

Best three: 3 O'Donnell (U), 2 Genc (U), 1 Giampaolo (IM)

### Leading scorers:

3 — Cimarosti (MW), Batten (U), Easthorpe (WC)  
2 — Morlando (WC), Rodas (RI), Penfold (NR), Brown, Farrugia (ME), Felizzi (IM), Giamone, Dean (FW), A. Reis (CC), Van Blerk (BC)

### Second Grade

Ilinden — Kuringsai 0-1, Uruguay — Inter Monaro 3-0, Manly — Melita 1-0, Macedonia — Wollongong City 2-1, Blacktown — Sutherland 6-0, Canterbury — Newcastle 1-3, Canberra — Freshwater 0-4.

#### Second Grade table

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
URUGUAY	3	0	0	8	1	6
BLACKTOWN CITY	2	1	0	11	3	5
FRESHWATER	2	1	0	10	2	5
MELITA EAGLES	2	0	1	15	1	4
Sutherland	2	0	1	10	9	4
Ku-Ring-Gai	2	0	1	3	2	4
Macedonia W'gong	2	0	1	3	5	4
Manly Warringah	1	1	1	3	3	3
Newcastle	1	0	2	4	5	2
Wollongong City	1	0	2	2	5	2
Canterbury	1	0	2	3	8	2
Inter Monaro	0	1	2	2	13	1
Rockdale Ilinden	0	0	3	3	8	0
Canberra City	0	0	3	1	13	0

## Second Division

Sydney Maccabi is gunning for the "dizzy" heights of top competition in the NSW State League, while sister club Sydney City Hakoah looks like ending its ties with the National League at the end of this year.

Maccabi reportedly has received sponsorship from the Hakoah Club to the tune of \$10,000 and is looking forward to quite a good season. However, it still is difficult to see Maccabi topping the likes of Kingsford, Yugal, Polonia or even North Bankstown.

But, it's early days yet and so far the most impressive side has been Yugal, defeating Kingsford and Campbelltown City, opponents that are not going to be easy pickings for any side in the league. Yugal has a game in hand against Avala — and a win there should put Dez Martin's team at the top of the table.

Polonia destroyed Gladesville Hornsby at Chopin Park and is very eager to get back among the best in the NSW State League.

while Bathurst and Avala were engaged in a tough battle at Bathurst only to share the spoils in the end.

Results of round 3: Bathurst — Avala 1-1, Polonia — Gladesville 6-0, Maccabi — Blacktown Utd 3-0, Campb. City — Yugal 1-2, Dee Why — Queens Park 1-0, Fairy Meadow — Kingsford 1-2, Nth Sydney — Nth Bankstown 0-2.

2nd Division Table

	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
MACCABI	3	0	0	6	1	6
POLONIA	2	1	0	12	2	5
NTB BANKSTOWN	2	1	0	5	2	5
STOWN	2	0	0	4	1	4
YUGAL	1	1	1	4	3	3
Fairy Meadow	1	1	1	2	3	3
Bathurst	1	1	1	2	3	3
Dee Why	1	1	1	1	3	3
Kingsford	1	1	1	2	3	3
Avala	0	2	3	3	12	2
Campbelltown	1	0	2	3	4	2
Queens Park	1	0	2	2	3	2
North Sydney	1	0	2	2	3	2



● Juventus captain Nick Di Martino receives the





● John Barnes of Watford and England — heading to Italy or Anfield?

## Liverpool to lose to lure of lira?

Most players would find an offer to join Liverpool irresistible. Over the past decade, wearing the club's famous red stripe has been a guarantee of success. But John Barnes, Watford's highly talented England winger, is in no hurry to move to Anfield, even though the two clubs have agreed a fee in the region of \$11 million (\$A2.33 million).

The lure of the lira and the Italian sun may prove a bigger attraction for a player whom Liverpool player-manager Kenny Dalglish sees as an essential component of his side when Welsh international striker Ian Rush joins Juventus next season.

There's little doubt that Italian pitches would suit Barnes. He is at his best on dry grounds where his ball control and speed can give defenders nightmares.

Jamaican-born Barnes has not always done himself justice in his 29 appearances for his country. But his talent has never been in doubt since he scored a memorable solo goal in the defeat of Brazil on England's South American tour three years ago.

Last year he provided a worldwide television audience with a glimpse of his breathtaking skills.

England trailed eventual champion Argentina 2-0 in the World Cup quarter-final at the Aztec stadium in Mexico City when manager Bobby Robson threw his last dice and gave Barnes his first taste of World Cup action with 15 minutes left.

It was a case of what might have been as Barnes tormented the Argentine defence and provided the cross for England's only goal scored by Gary Lineker.

But though Barnes, scorer of one of Watford's goals in the surprise 3-1 FA Cup quarter-final win over favourite Arsenal recently, has made no secret of the fact that he would like to play in Italy when his contract expires at the end of the current season, none of the wealthy Italian clubs has rushed for his signature.

They could have been put off by the Italian federation's recent decision to maintain the limit of two foreign players per club.

Barnes said: "I'm flattered Liverpool wants me. It is one of the finest clubs in Europe, but I'm going to take my time and see what other offers come in."

"I've always admired Italian football and it would be a great experience to play in it."

Watford manager Graham Taylor is resigned to losing his England winger in a few weeks. "Your chances of keeping a team together for more than two or three years are almost impossible at a small club like Watford," he said.

"The best players want to move on for more money, and who can blame them?"

Taylor expects Barnes to play all of his remaining matches for Watford "as if they are cup finals", and he can have no complaints on that score after his high-class display against Arsenal.

Said Barnes: "Every player's dream is to play at Wembley. The fact that I am leaving Watford at the end of the season would make it even more special."

"We didn't really do ourselves justice when we lost to Everton in the (FA Cup) final three years ago."

## PSV wants Hoddle

Dutch champion PSV Eindhoven reportedly wants England and Tottenham midfielder star Glen Hoddle (pictured) to replace Ruud Gullit who it sold to AC Milan last week.

Hoddle, 29, wants to finish his career on the Continent, although he still has a year of his contract to run at Spurs.

Meanwhile, Arsenal, whose league championship challenge has floundered recently, is reported to be offering \$1.7 million (\$A4 million) for unsettled Chelsea strikers Kerry Dixon and David Speedie.

Arsenal manager George Graham cut short a holiday to complete the deal before last week's transfer deadline.

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# Real Madrid, Dynamo Kiev in Champions' Cup Final?

UEFA maintained hopes of an "ideal" Real Madrid v Dynamo Kiev European Champions' Cup Final when it kept the two apart in the semi-final draw. Neither, however, can anticipate an easy passage to the trophy decider.

Real, bidding for the 14th European final appearance, meets another club with an honored place in continental soccer history — Bayern Munich.

The Bavarians, three times Champions' Cup winners, looked a very capable side when destroying the highly rated Anderlecht in the quarter-finals and have attracted supposedly "smart money" in recent weeks.

Real, which has a phenomenal record on its Bernabeu Stadium turf, will stage the second leg and that advantage may well prove decisive.

Fears have been expressed that Dynamo Kiev, which practically doubles as the Soviet national team, will soon burn itself out — in the manner of the equally gifted and equally active Kiev side of the mid-70s.

But, unless Soviet soccer authorities are stupid enough to permit history to repeat itself, the Ukrainian club can be expected to overcome the workmanlike, though hardly awe-inspiring Porto.

Ajax Amsterdam and Real Zaragoza, two names which conjure up memories of magical nights of soccer during past eras, meet in the European Cup Winners' Cup semi-final. Zaragoza hasn't contested the final of the continent-wide competition since 1966.

Ajax last feature in one 14 years ago, when its current coach Johan Cruyff was in his prime, and both have some way to go before fully recapturing their past glory.

A tight tie is in prospect, with the ever-improving Zaragoza

going into it as slight favorite. In direct contrast to the Zaragoza v Ajax pairing, the other semi-final matches two teams — Bordeaux and Lokomotive Leipzig — neither of which has appeared in a European final.

Bordeaux, with its French World Cup stars and Yugoslavia's Vujovic twins, look the classier outfit on paper, but Lokomotive will be keen to extend East Germany's admirable Cup Winners' Cup record. Both Magdeburg and Carl Zeiss reached past finals with combinations that seemed just as ordinary as Leipzig's. Predictions for a Bordeaux victory must be made with some caution, therefore.

The UEFA Cup survivors include two past winners of the tournament and two clubs yet to grace a European final.

Having disposed of favorite Barcelona at the last stage, Dundee United must fancy its chances of accounting for Borussia Monchengladbach, but optimism must be tempered with wariness. While not anywhere near the calibre of the UEFA Cup winning sides of 1975 and 1979, the contemporary Borussia is a very efficient and battle-hardened unit.

United will have to produce its top form to advance to the final. Bayern Munich bound coach Jupp Heynckes would dearly love to end his stint at Monchengladbach with a UEFA Cup triumph, while United will feel confident that, after experiencing much ill-fortune in past European campaigns, this is destined to be its season.



● Kenny Dalglish



● Ian Rush

## History's on the side of Gunners

For the first time during the current English domestic season, silverware will be at stake on the morning of April 6 (Australian time) when Liverpool meets Arsenal in the Littlewood's Cup Final.

England's major clubs have not always taken the Littlewood's Cup (originally known as the Football League Cup, then the Milk Cup) seriously in the past. Their lethargy gave lesser lights, most notably Norwich City, Stoke City, Queen's Park Rangers, Swindon Town and Oxford United, opportunities to pick up crumbs from the rich men's tables.

This time, however, the final will feature two super-heavyweights. Liverpool and Arsenal, both venerable institutions of world soccer, have been to the fore throughout the current campaign.

Liverpool's credentials, of course, are obvious. Winner of both the League and FA Cup last season, it can call upon players of world renown in Jan Molby, Kenny Dalglish, Ian Rush and Mark Lawrenson. Its probable starting line-up contains nine full internationals.

Arsenal, on the other hand, hasn't won a major honor since 1979 and its one play-off whose fame extends beyond Britain is the 70-plus-times capped Kenny Sanson.

The Gunners, though, have been a revelation this season. A legitimate contender for the league title, they boast a wealth of young talent including Tony Adams, recently drafted for England senior international duty at 20 years of age, David Rocastle, Paul Da-

vis; Nial Quinn and Martin Hayes; while the long-established Viv Anderson and Steve Williams are enjoying the best form of their careers.

Liverpool's big-match experience (since Arsenal won the FA Cup in 1979, the "Merseyside Machine" has accumulated 12 major honors — including four Littlewood's Cup successes) will make it the favorite, yet history suggests an Arsenal win.

Twice previously Liverpool and Arsenal have met in Wembley finals (to decide the FA Cup winners) and on both occasions the north Londoners were victorious — in 1950 and 1971. The latter year saw a Gunners side, which included current manager George Graham, complete the League-FA Cup double.

After numerous near misses, Liverpool achieved the double itself in 1986. It would be ironic, therefore, if Arsenal was to eclipse it just a year later with an historic treble — League, FA Cup and Littlewood's Cup.

Every Arsenal fan (and an awful lot of Australian-based Arsenal fans have been coming out of their closets in recent months) will tell you that they have a gut feeling that this is going to be the year of "The Gunners".

On April 6 we will be able to gauge just how reliable those gut feelings were.

One thing can be predicted with a fair degree of certainty — there will not be a repeat of the previous UEFA Cup clash between the two in 1981, when United cruised to a 5-2 victory.

In an earlier round of this season's tournament, Borussia eliminated Scotland's team of the moment, Glasgow Rangers, on the away goals ruling after two Scots had been sent off late in the tie. The possibility of United gaining revenge adds further spice to what promises to be an intriguing couple of encounters.

IFK Gothenburg surely is the most unused of Europe's

elite teams, and among the elite it certainly is for the Swedes were appallingly unlucky not to reach last year's Champions' Cup Final and, during the current season, have extended their sequence of UEFA Cup games without defeat to 21.

It is highly unlikely that GC Tirol will continue its remarkable giant-killing run at Gothenburg's expense, even if the inspirational West German veteran Hansi Muller reproduces the brilliance which sunk Torino in the quarter-finals.

The full draw for the European competition semi-finals is:

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS' CUP: Real Madrid (Spain) v Bayern Munich (West Germany), Dynamo Kiev (USSR) v Porto (Portugal).

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Real Zaragoza (Spain) v Ajax Amsterdam (Holland), Bordeaux (France) v Lokomotive Leipzig (East Germany).

UEFA CUP: Dundee United (Scotland) v Borussia Monchengladbach (West Germany), IFK Gothenburg (Sweden) v FC Tirol (Austria).

The matches will be played on the mornings of April 9 and April 23 (Australian time).

## PLATINI TO FACE FRAUD CHARGES

● Borussia Monchengladbach coach Jupp Heynckes will join the staff of Bayern Munich at the end of the current West German season.

● Goals by Jan Urban, Jan Furtek and Marek Lesniak enabled Poland to gain a 3-1 win over Finland in a friendly international at Rybnik. Jukka Kialainen scored for the Finns.

● Michael Platini is one of 11 former St Etienne players and officials who are to stand trial on fraud charges in France. It is alleged that the players received illegal cash handouts from a "slush fund" of approximately \$70 million between 1978 and 1982. The trial is due to commence on May 17.

● Would the mere sight of the words "Foster's Lager" set the youth of England upon the slippery road towards alcoholism? The British government-funded Committee on Alcohol Abuse evidently believes so. It has condemned English First Division club Norwich City as being "utterly irresponsible" for printing advertising material for a junior soccer tournament which shows a 12-years-old boy wearing a Norwich City jersey bearing the names of its sponsors — the aforementioned brewing concern.

● The transfer details of Dutch international striker Roud Gullit's move from PSV Eindhoven to AC Milan have been finalised. The transfer fee totals \$13 million and he moves to Milan on June 28. The fee is a world record.



● Michael Platini — goes on trial on May 17

● Barcelona's English coach Terry Venables ended speculation about his future when signing a contract with the club which will keep him in Catalonia for at least a further two years.

● Scottish national team manager Andy Roxburgh explained the dropping of Maurice Johnston from his squad to prepare for the European Championship fixture with Belgium by stating that the Celtic striker had "too many personal worries to give his best at international level". Johnston was recently found guilty on an assault charge and heavily fined. The squad included three newcomers — Steve Clarke (Chelsea), Ian Redford and Jim McNally (both Dundee United).

● The Strongest lived up to its name when beating Oriente Petrolero 3-0 in a play-off to secure the Bolivian League Championship.



● Kenny Sanson (right) about to slip past Garry Birtles of Forest. Sanson will face the might of Liverpool this weekend.





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CROATIA

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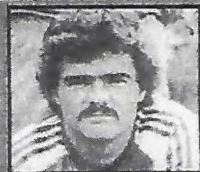
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